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Symposium

The Search for Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan: Where We Stand and What Comes Next

Lynne Engelbert was invited to present at this year's Amelia Earhart - Fred Noonan Symposium in Eugene OR on June 25th. She was asked to talk about the work the dogs did on Nikumaroro the summer of 2017.

Four specialized canine teams traveled to Nikumaroro, a tiny atoll in the middle of the South Pacific, searching for the remains of Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan as part of an expedition organized by The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR) and the National Geographic Society. This was the first time our Historic Human Remains Detection (HHRD) dogs had

been used in an extreme tropical environment. While TIGHAR had utilized many technological methods to try to determine whether Amelia and Fred had crash-landed on Niku, they had never used specially-trained HHRD dog teams. Extensive research had deemed an area known as the Seven Site to be the most likely site of Ms. Earhart's demise. Four other areas were searched as well with very interesting results, the most interesting being the discovery of an apparently ancient burial ground, estimated to be 300-600 years old.

Training with Ronda Bowser

Last April Ronda held a workshop that several of our handlers attended and we found so much value we asked her back. June 5th through 7th Ronda returned to challenge us with new scenarios, this time it included shoreline and buildings. Ronda is the owner and head trainer of Puppy Hotal and Spa in Idaho. She specializes in animal behavior as well as obedience and detection work. She gives us an outside look at our training program and gives us ideas and different ways to train and improve our techniques. We can't wait for the next workshop. Thank you Ronda





Top: For some of our dogs this was the first time for them to ride in different kinds of vehicles. Joseph takes his 6 month pup, Clio out to the pond for exposure in a water environment.

Left: Lisa works Fionn in a crowded barn where he has to identify where the source is placed.

Right: Aurora working Roo helps guides her up a ramp so she can get closer to the scent source.



Kris, Annie and Peg ride out to work the water problem. I am not sure who had more fun that day the humans or the dogs!



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