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A MESSAGE FROM _____

CPCA PRESIDENT, SERGEANT BRAD GILLESPIE



On behalf of the Canadian Police Canine Association (CPCA), I would like to welcome you to the 2023 National Competition and Training Trials!

Police canine teams work tirelessly to help serve our communities through their lifesaving work. The CPCA is proud to support and bring together police canine teams from across the country to train and compete with one another. More importantly, this event gives us the opportunity to showcase to our communities the canine capabilities that exist in policing.

For 45 years, the CPCA has been uniting and increasing the overall effectiveness of police service dogs across Canada. This is accomplished as a non-profit volunteer organization that facilitates training and mentorship. The relationships established through this association serve to increase the collective capabilities of all agencies. As we see an unfortunate increase in crime, canine teams will continue to serve as a buffer between the most violent criminals and both the police and the public. This has most recently been exemplified by the loss of Toronto Police Service Dog “Bingo” who was killed in the line of duty acting exactly as that buffer.

I want to personally express my gratitude to all canine teams who continually serve to protect their communities.

To the competitors this week, remember that the courage is stepping up to the plate and taking a swing. Use this opportunity to grow and learn as a handler. Take the time to build relationships and share ideas and learning.

Welcome to all our communities who attend for the public day. This is a chance for you to watch your police canines in action and interact with the police officers who work to help support your communities daily. This event is only possible due to community support and sponsorship. Thank you to all for attending and to all who have supported and sponsored this event.

Thank you to the organizing committee and volunteers. I know firsthand the organizing committee from the Ontario Provincial Police and the Barrie Police Service put in hundreds of hours in to the planning of this event.

With sincere thanks,

Sgt. Brad Gillespie | CPCA President
brad.gillespie@opp.ca

A MESSAGE FROM _____

OPP COMMISSIONER THOMAS CARRIQUE



On behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police, it is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2023 Canadian Police Dog Championship Trials.

For decades, canine teams have played an integral role in law enforcement, aiding in various tasks including search and rescue operations, apprehending suspects, detecting narcotics, and searching for cadavers, firearms, explosives and physical evidence. This event not only showcases the remarkable skills of canine teams across the country, but also highlights the dedication and expertise of the canine units that provide the necessary training to achieve these skills.

We are especially proud to co-host this event with our partners from the Barrie Police Service. Our collaboration underscores the unity and collective effort that is vital to the ever-changing challenges that law enforcement faces.

We appreciate the public's support in attending the Championship Trials and the continued partnership with the Canadian Police Canine Association. We want to also thank the judges for their expertise and discernment in evaluating the performances of the teams.

Lastly, to the participants who have dedicated themselves to this event, I want to recognize the hard work and rigorous training that has gone into preparing for this prestigious event. Your presence here not only showcases your skills and knowledge, but also serves as an inspiration to others in their field. Let these trials serve as a reminder that law enforcement is a dynamic and evolving field, and our commitment to adapting and improving remains steadfast.

Best wishes to all for an enjoyable and informative event,



**Commissioner
Thomas Carrique, C.O.M.**

Ontario Provincial Police

THE OPP CANINE UNIT

SERVING ONTARIO SINCE 1965

THE FIRST OPP CANINE HANDLERS

The OPP's Canine Unit was formed in 1965 as part of the major reorganization of the OPP during the early years of Commissioner Eric Silk's tenure. Deputy Commissioner D.V. Whitely and Assistant Commissioner Jack Whitty selected Maryland State Canine handlers to provide the initial training to the OPP's three original handlers. Constables Don Stevenson with canine partner Trooper were posted to Sudbury, Gary Walker with Butch were posted to Kemptville, and Ab Boley with Kanaka were based in Mount Forest.



Ab Boley served as the first program coordinator from 1965 to 1988. His colleagues knew him as "The Book of Knowledge".



Canine Training in the 1960s

TODAY

There are currently 33 canine handlers and training staff and over 50 trained dogs stationed at strategic points throughout the province, providing canine support for search and rescue, tracking wanted persons, detecting narcotics, and searching for human remains, firearms, explosives and physical evidence.

New canine teams undergo a rigorous initial 18 weeks of training followed by refresher training every six weeks at the OPP Canine Training Centre in Orillia, Ontario. Once a handler has been on for two years, they usually train a second, single purpose dog trained for search and rescue or one of the other specialties listed above. Careful consideration is given to the selection of both dog and handler. Handlers must undergo an eight-day selection course, which helps test their suitability for the job.

German shepherds and malinois aged approximately 18 to 24 months are most commonly chosen for general service duties. They are tested for their hunt drive, temperament, stability, alertness and for their dependability in a variety of conditions.



Sgt. DeRuiter prepares for deployment of a general service dog equipped with a camera mounted to his vest.



Search and rescue dog, Cruz, barks to indicate that he has found a lost person.



Explosive detective dog, Mane, indicates to an explosive device under a car.



Human Remains Detector Dog Dance is searching for the scent of remains in the water.



These Tactically Integrated Canines (TIC) like Aaron are deployed around the province for high-risk incident support.



PROFILE: CLOUD II – A HERO’S LIFE

During their four-year partnership, Cloud II and his handler, Constable Ray Carson succeeded in capturing 123 fugitives. The five-year-old 90-pound German Shepherd was trained for search and rescue work, tracking and apprehending wanted or escaped persons and to search out hidden caches of drugs like marijuana or hashish. Cloud II was a well-known member of the OPP’s canine team having appeared, along with Carson, on Front Page Challenge on November 5, 1974, where they “stumped” the panel.

Cloud II was also a Purina Hall of Fame member. Given the task of capturing three escaped juvenile offenders who were presumed to be armed, Cloud II and Constable Carson approached a fishing hut where two of the offenders were believed to be hiding. On command, Cloud II entered the hut and emerged with a loaded rifle. He then forced another suspect to give up a knife. The third escapee, who had earlier run off, was tracked down at a nearby cottage and also disarmed of a large club by Cloud II. “For his unflinching courage against great odds,” Cloud II earned the distinction of becoming a member of the Purina Animal Hall of Fame, on September 12, 1974, as he had clearly demonstrated the “courage, perseverance, and dedication” required of an OPP dog.

Tragically, Cloud II was shot and killed in the line of duty in 1975. A suspected murderer, who escaped while awaiting trial, was the subject of a large-scale manhunt during the summer of 1975 in the North Bay area. Constable Carson and Cloud II were one of the canine teams involved in the search. Cloud II picked up the suspect’s trail approximately 25 miles east of Sudbury. On the following day, Carson and Cloud II caught up to the suspect outside a cabin in a bush clearing. During the attempt to capture the fugitive, who was armed with a 30-30, Cloud II was shot and killed. The wounded suspect was captured later that afternoon. Cloud II is the only OPP dog to have been killed in the line of duty.

Unfortunately, being a police service dog can be a dangerous job. The Canadian Police Canine Association has a website with a section called “Valour Row” that highlights the stories of police dog handlers and their dogs that have been killed in the line of duty.

The OPP Canine Unit has evolved over the last 58 years and although police dogs are still used for many of the same tasks today, they are now trained with the most advanced equipment and training techniques available. Most OPP canine handlers now work with two dogs, with a general service dog trained to assist police with their main functions along with drug detection dog.

A MESSAGE FROM _____

BARRIE CHIEF OF POLICE RICH JOHNSTON



Welcome to Barrie! As the Chief of the Barrie Police Service, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our incredible city and to the 2023 National Police Dog Championship.

Police canine programs are a resource that provide valuable support to our frontline officers in locating wanted and lost persons, along with the detection of firearms, ammunition and narcotics. These programs have significantly evolved over the years and so has the training of the dogs and their handlers.

As you watch today's live demonstrations, I hope that you are able to appreciate the dedication, commitment and professionalism that each of these canine handlers and their trusty four-legged partners bring to work

each and every day. Modern day policing has taken on many different looks over the years, but canine programs have and will continue to be a valued part of any police service.

For those visiting Barrie today, thank you for coming and for those who are local or from our nearby communities, the participating and competing police services appreciate you taking some time to learn and see first-hand what police canine teams contribute to community safety.

Chief Rich Johnston
Barrie Police Service

HISTORY OF THE CANINE UNIT

- CONSTABLE MATT ABOFS, BARRIE POLICE SERVICE

THE SECOND OLDEST POLICE SERVICE IN ONTARIO

The Barrie Police Service has been in existence since 1853 and enjoys the distinction of being the second oldest police service in the province of Ontario. However, its canine unit was not established until 1999.

Barrie is located approximately 45 minutes north of Toronto. The city has experienced substantial growth over the past two decades, having been designated as an Urban Growth Centre by the Province of Ontario. It is estimated that the population will be more than 200,000 residents by 2031.

Over the past two decades, Barrie's canine teams have trained with the Toronto Police Service, York Regional Police and the Ontario Provincial Police to complete the general service dog course. In 2021, two handlers of the force became Canine Law Enforcement Accreditation Registry (C.L.E.A.R) certified trainers for General Service Dog and, in the following spring, became certified to train detector dogs while continuing a strong training partnership with the OPP.

Barrie's canine teams are considered dual-purpose, trained for general duties and as drug detector dogs. The dogs are trained in tracking and searching for humans both indoors and outside, locating articles such as firearms, and obedience and criminal apprehension. The dogs also can locate illegal substance such as cocaine, crack, heroin, methamphetamine and ecstasy. Canine unit members also work closely with the Tactical Support Unit in training for high-risk incidents.

BARRIE STARTS A CANINE UNIT

Barrie's first handler, Constable Kevin Beirnes, completed his general service course with his partner, general service dog Shadow. Discovering the value in developing a canine program of their own, Barrie Police Service expanded its budding force to three canine teams by 2005. The unit's history has since seen seven handlers and 11 dogs in its 24-year existence.



Barrie Police Service Canine Unit, c.2006
L to R: Cst. Jon Watt, Cst Cam McCrea, Cst. Kevin Biernes



Cst. Beirnes and Cst. Cam Cooper, c.2009



Cst. Shawn Gwilliam, Cst. Matt Abofs, Cst. John Lamont, Cst. Paul Chubb; March 2023

PRESENT DAY

In 2023, the canine unit increased its ranks to four teams when the Barrie Police Service entered into a shared service agreement with the South Simcoe Police Service. These police services now provide canine services to the City of Barrie, the City of Bradford and the municipalities of West Gwillimbury and Innisfil.

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Our donation this year is being made in the memory of our founder, Jodie Richers.

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HOW THE TRIALS WORK

ABOUT THE CPCA

The Canadian Police Canine Association (CPCA) was formed in 1978 by several dog handlers who were interested in seeing how their counterparts were performing in the same job as themselves. The CPCA has grown considerably since those early years; however, our main objectives have remained the same:

- To promote friendship and brotherhood/sisterhood between all those interested in the training and utilization of a police service dog.
- To unite and assist police services in the training and continued improvement of police service dogs.
- To establish and conduct regular “Police Service Dog Trials” for the purpose of establishing levels of proficiency.
- To provide educational material through publications and a website.
- To coordinate the exchange of any advanced techniques of training in the utilization of police service dogs.
- To improve the image of the police service dog to the general public.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TRIALS

Annually, canine teams from across Canada come together in friendly competition to test their skills. The events include tracking, evidence search, building search, compound search, criminal apprehension and/or detection in drugs or explosives. The competition culminates in a public day event where the agility, obedience and fastest dog exercise are on display. At the end of the competition, the team with the most points through all events is awarded the coveted title of “Top Dog”.

The CPCA conducts a spring seminar and police service dog competition in the fall each year, hosted by different police agencies from across the country.

This year, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Barrie Police Service have been chosen to co-host the 2023 CPCA National Championship Trial in Barrie, Ontario, from September 5 to 9. The CPCA Championship is a non-profit event, and the organizing committee seek sponsorship to assist with the many expenses associated in hosting this national competition which has never before come to the Barrie area.

The 2023 CPCA championship will allow a unique opportunity to showcase the Barrie area, our police services and both of our canine units. Although the initial three days of the competition involve events that are closed to the public and are spread throughout the Barrie area, the final day of the competition is being held at the Sadlon Arena and will be open to the public. This event offers a unique opportunity for the public to experience police officers, their dogs and the role they play daily in helping to keep our communities safe.

One of the main purposes of the CPCA Championship is to enhance the capabilities of canine teams through the sharing of information and training techniques, culminating in a friendly competition. Training police service dogs to the highest level possible is our ultimate goal.

In addition to sponsorship money helping us to host this event, all excess funding will be donated to the Ontario Search and Rescue Volunteer Association to help them prepare their volunteer canine teams to respond to missing person searches throughout Ontario.

JUDGING THE NATIONAL COMPETITION (TRIALS)

Each event is looking at different aspects of a police dog's skills and abilities. Many of the dogs skills will have already been put to the test earlier in the week when they were tested on their tracing skills and their scenting ability to find lost persons or suspects trying to hide from police. Some dog teams were also tested on their ability to find drugs or explosives.

Today, the dogs will be tested on their obedience, agility and power as demonstrated in the fastest dog competition. In obedience and agility, the judges will be scoring the control and precision that the handler has over the dog when directing them off leash to perform tasks.

GENERAL SERVICE DOGS

Most police dogs are in the category of general service dogs (GSD). These dogs are trained in most of the skills that you are familiar with like tracking, searching for lost persons and criminal apprehension. These dogs are tested on all of these elements, as well as evidence searches earlier on in the week.

DETECTION DOGS

These police dogs are what we call specialty dogs. They are trained to specialize in the search of one specific type of odour. It could be drugs, explosives or even human remains. All of the detection dogs in this year's competition were trained for either explosive or drug detection. These dogs were tested earlier in the week at five different locations throughout the Barrie area. You will see a demonstration of detection skills today.



PAST WINNERS

OVERALL WINNERS: HANDLER AND POLICE SERVICE DOG (PSD)

1981	Brian Amm and PSD Kane Calgary Police Service	2001	Kelly Stienwand and PSD Zip Prince Albert Police Service
1982	Clive Marsh and PSD Apollo Calgary Police Service	2002	Blake George and PSD Scout Royal Canadian Mounted Police
1983	Clive Marsh and PSD Apollo Calgary Police Service	2003	Darcy Drynan and PSD Amigo Edmonton Police Service
1984	Brian Amm and PSD Aldo Calgary Police Service	2004	Paul Jones and PSD Steel Edmonton Police Service
1985	Chris Magnusson and PSD Honk Calgary Police Service	2005	Todd Lamb and PSD Rogue Saanich Police Department
1986	Bill Kaye and PSD Zorko Lethbridge Police Service	2006	Todd Lamb and PSD Rogue Saanich Police Department
1987	Floyd Whitney and PSD Sam Edmonton Police Service	2007	Ray Wong and PSD Bear Vancouver Police Department
1988	Jerry Herasemluk and PSD Zeus Lethbridge Police Service	2008	Stephanie Michaud and PSD Snyder Royal Canadian Mounted Police
1989	Brian Amm and PSD Tel Calgary Police Service	2009	<i>No trials held / World Police Fire Games</i>
1990	Brian Buchanan and PSD Xino Delta Police Service	2010	Bart Lawczynski and PSD Flint Edmonton Police Service
1991	Colin Quast and PSD Duke Edmonton Police Service	2011	<i>No trials held</i>
1992	Dave Grant and PSD Jackson Saskatoon Police Service	2012	Jon Zielinski and PSD Zeke Saanich Police Department
1993	Jean Blondin and PSD Sasha Royal Canadian Mounted Police	2013	Jon Zielinski and PSD Zeke Saanich Police Department
1994	Mike Nedzelski and PSD Ziko Saanich Police Department	2014	Jon Zielinski and PSD Zeke Saanich Police Department
1995	Glen MacKenzie and PSD Ace Saanich Police Department	2015	Murray Burke and PSD Maverick Edmonton Police Service
1996	Glen MacKenzie and PSD Ace Saanich Police Department	2016	Jason Ellet and PSD Robbie Edmonton Police Service
1997	<i>No trials held / World Police Fire Games</i>	2017	Nick Leachman and PSD Finn Edmonton Police Service
1998	Glen Mackenzie and PSD Ace Saanich Police Department	2018	Kelly Lang and PSD Fozzy Edmonton Police Service
1999	Steve Morgan and PSD Eston Saanich Police Department	2019	<i>No trials held due to COVID</i>
2000	Paul Shafer and PSD Monty Edmonton Police Service	2020	<i>No trials held due to COVID</i>
		2021	<i>No trials held due to COVID</i>
		2022	Dallas Kruger and PSD Buddy Edmonton Police Service

DETECTION WINNERS

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| 2011 | Toban Tisdale and DD Holly
Canada Border Services Agency | 2017 | Todd Fulton and DDD Peanut
Ottawa International Airport |
| 2012 | Toban Tisdale and DD Holly
Canada Border Services Agency | 2018 | Todd Fulton and DDD Peanut
Ottawa International Airport |
| 2013 | Toban Tisdale and DD Holly
Canada Border Services Agency | 2019 | <i>No trials held due to COVID</i> |
| 2014 | Danielle Getzie
Canada Border Services Agency | 2020 | <i>No trials held due to COVID</i> |
| 2015 | Danielle Getzie
Canada Border Services Agency | 2021 | <i>No trials held due to COVID</i> |
| 2016 | Russell Fox and DDD Sammy
Ottawa International Airport | 2022 | Dugald Shillito and EDD Scout
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THE 2023 TRIALS



2023 HEAD JUDGE AND TRIALS COORDINATOR

Sergeant Brad GILLESPIE

Sgt. Gillespie has been handling and training police and military working dogs for over 20 years. He currently works for the OPP as a trainer, where he specializes in tactical integration of canine teams and explosive detection. He currently handles a single-purpose explosive detection dog as well as training a new general service/tactical integrated dog.

Sgt. Gillespie is the president of the CPCA and is excited to be the head judge for this year's national competition: *"It is fantastic to have so many teams attend and receive training and friendly competition to build our national capacities to better serve the public."*



2023 HEAD DECOY

Constable Mike ANDERSON

Cst. Anderson has been a police dog handler since 2009 for the Peel Regional Police. Since 2013, Cst. Anderson has been a part of the training section for the unit. He has trained multiple general service, drug and explosive detection dogs for the Peel Regional Police Canine Unit and some surrounding agencies.

Cst. Anderson is a six-time national select decoy for the Protection Sport Association (PSA) and since 2020, has been a PSA judge. He considers himself a student of the profession and always strives to learn more to help develop strong operational canine teams.

JUDGES PANEL



Chris BRINNEN

Chris Brinnen spent 19 years as a canine handler with the RCMP, retiring in 2021, and has been a member of the CPCA for 18 of those years. Chris continues to work with dogs, mostly with the British Columbia Search Dog Association. He continues to be involved in the CPCA in his retirement and is looking forward to the entertainment that the dog trials always provides.



Cst. Dennis DALZIEL

Cst. Dalziel has been a member of the Edmonton Police Service for 18 years. He has been assigned to the canine unit for the past 11 years and currently holds the role of detection trainer. He has worked with general service dogs, human remains detection and drug detection dogs in the past. He is a C.L.E.A.R. certified detection trainer and excited to judge his second CPCA trials.



S/Sgt. Murray deRUITER

S/Sgt. deRuiter has been a long time member of the OPP Canine Unit, currently in his second term as Director for the OPP and Sûreté du Québec for CPCA matters. S/Sgt. deRuiter has been a trainer for the OPP Canine Unit since 2014 and has his C.L.E.A.R. Master trainers designation. S/Sgt. deRuiter is one of the newest CPCA directors representing the Ontario and Quebec provincial police services.



Sgt. Cal EWER

Sgt. Ewer has been a member of the Victoria Police Department for over 20 years and has been assigned to the canine unit since 2010. Cal currently works with a dual-purpose canine and a single purpose explosive detection dog. Recently the Saanich Police and the Victoria Police Department integrated their canine programs forming the Integrated Canine Service, where Cal is the non-commissioned officer and trainer. Cal is a master trainer with C.L.E.A.R. certification through the CPCA.



Ricky FARLEY

Farley is the owner and operator of Alabama Canine Law Enforcement Officers Training Center, Inc. In his 34-year career, Ricky has trained dogs for 28 different countries and hundreds of law enforcement departments throughout the United States in all disciplines: narcotics, bomb, cadaver, accelerant, electronics and patrol work. His experience also includes being deemed a subject matter expert in many circuits in the federal court system on matters pertaining to police canines and serving as a judge for police dog trials in many states that have state required certifications.



Officer Todd FULTON

Officer Fulton is a handler and trainer with the Canada Border Services Agency. He and his partner, detector dog Peanut, won first place at the 2017 and 2018 CPCA trials; as well as second place in 2022. Todd represents approximately 180 detector dog teams from across the country.



Sgt. Cory GOODWIN

Sgt. Goodwin is a 20-year member the CPCA. He was assigned to the Saskatoon Police Service Canine Unit in 2010. In 2019, he was promoted to non-commissioned officer in charge of the team. He is a C.L.E.A.R. Certified Master Trainer and is serving his first term as the Prairie Director.



Sgt. Jim GOURLEY

Sgt. Gourley has been a member of the Calgary Police Service for the past 25 years, with 20 of those years as a passionate member of his canine unit and the CPCA. Sgt. Gourley was born and raised in Wasaga Beach and is honoured to be back as a judge this week. He has had multiple, amazing four-legged partners who have competed at these trials. He is set to officially retire next month and would like to thank everyone who made this year's championship/trials such a wonderful experience and success!



Sgt. Jason GUNDERSON

Sgt. Gunderson have been a member of the Regina Police Service for 23 years. He was in the Canine Unit for 14 years, having worked two General Purpose Dogs, both of which were crossed trained in drug detection.

"I would like to thank the CPCA for this one last opportunity to watch some amazing dogs work over this week in Barrie, Ontario. All the best to the competitors."



Cst. Dan HARNESS

Cst. Harness is the newest member of the OPP canine training staff. He received his C.L.E.A.R. trainers certification in 2021. Besides training, Sgt. Harness still works a human remains detection dog named Gary.



Cst. John LAMONT

Cst. Lamont has amassed a 24-year career in policing, with 12 years of experience working as a canine handler. His previous work includes service within the Barrie Police Service Tactical Unit and Explosive Disposal Unit, along with obtaining a C.L.E.A.R. master trainer certificate in 2021. Lamont is in the process of training his third general service dog partner.



Sgt. Jody LORENCE

Sgt. Lorence has been a member of the CPCA since starting his career in Regina as a canine handler in 2008. He is currently the sergeant for the Regina Police Canine Unit and is now working with his third police canine, Ralph. Sgt. Lorence proudly served as Prairie Director for two successive terms and is now the treasurer for the CPCA. --

"I would like to wish all competitors the best of luck as they come together to learn from each other through competition at the 2023 Trial!"



Cst. Phil MacDONALD

Cst. MacDonald is a 25-year member of the Halifax Regional Police. He has been a handler for 20 years and continues to be one of the trainers in Halifax. He is the East Coast Director of the CPCA representing Atlantic Canada.



Cliff SAMSON

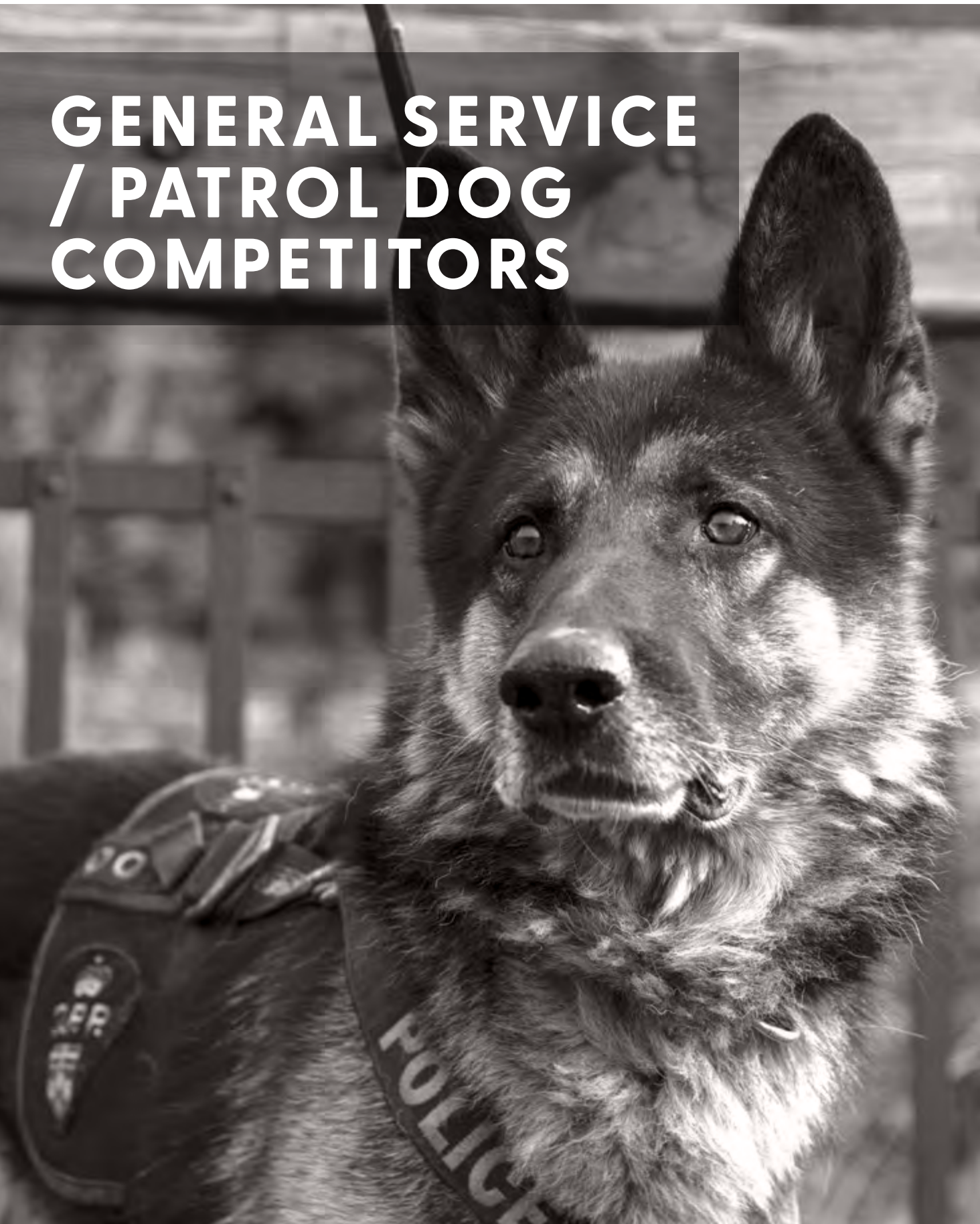
Cliff Samson has been a canine trainer with the OPP for seven years. Prior to that, he was a trainer and sergeant with the Winnipeg Police Service. In total, Cliff has 46 years experience training and handling police service dogs.



Sgt. Paul SMITH

Sgt. Smith has been a police officer for 27 years. In 2005, he started in canine and in 2015 became the unit's training sergeant. Paul is currently handling his third police canine, Flynn. He has been a CPCA Director since 2022.

GENERAL SERVICE / PATROL DOG COMPETITORS





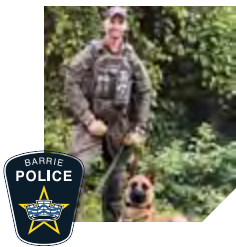
Cst. Maff ABOFS and PSD RADAR

Cst. Abofs and PSD Radar are members of the Barrie Police Service. PSD Radar is a five-year-old Dutch Shepherd and came to Barrie in December of 2022 as an experienced general-purpose dog. He is the newest addition to the canine unit.



Cst. Trevor BROUGHTON and PSD KODA

Cst. Broughton and PSD Koda are members of the London Police Service and have been working together for five years. PSD Koda is a seven-year-old Belgian malinois, who is a dual-purpose canine working general patrol and explosive detection. PSD Koda is looking forward to testing his skills at the CPCA Trials!



Cst. Paul CHUBB and PSD ROUTS

Cst. Paul Chubb works with the Barrie Police Service with his partner, Routs. Routs is a three-and-a-half-year-old Belgian malinois that is trained to locate people, articles, drugs and firearms. In his downtime, he enjoys playing with his ball.



Cst. Robert COWIE and PSD ISAAC

Cst. Cowie and PSD Isaac are members of the Peterborough Police Service Canine Unit. Isaac is a six-year-old German shepherd and Belgian malinois cross. Cst. Cowie has been part of the canine unit for five years.



Cst. Lauren CROXFORD and PSD BENDER

Cst. Croxford and PSD Bender have been partnered together on the street for the past seven years. Bender is an eight and a half-year-old Belgian malinois. He is crossed trained with general purpose and drug detection. This will be the last year for the team in the unit as PSD Bender will soon enjoy a much-deserved retirement. PSD Bender has a fun party trick, which is jumping into Cst. Croxford's arms on command (he has been known to jump into other police members arms too).



Cst. Drew DUBNYK and PSD YANGA

Cst. Dubnyk has been with the Saskatoon Police Service Canine Unit since 2015. Drew is currently working PSD Yanga, a Belgian Malinois, his second dual-purpose canine, integrated with the Saskatoon Police Tactical Unit.



Cst. Mark FINNIE and PSD MURPHY

Cst. Finnie is a 17-year-old member of the Peel Regional Police, with three years in the canine unit. He is handling a general purpose German shepherd, PSD Murphy, from Holland.



Constable Kerry GILLARD and PSD EZEKIEL

With 13 years in the Peel Regional Police, Cst. Gillard has been with the canine unit for five years as a trainer. PSD Ezekiel, a Dutch shepherd from Holland, is a general purpose dog with knowledge of firearms detection.



Cst. Denis HARKNESS and PSD HAZE

Cst. Harkness has been a member of the OPP canine unit since 2004. In 2021, he completed the C.L.E.A.R. Master Trainer course and has since become a full-time trainer with the unit in Orillia. Cst. Harkness would like to welcome all participants and judges to the Orillia/Barrie area.



Cst. Sarah HENDRICK and PSD JANUS

Cst. Hendrick with her 3-year-old Belgium Malinois, Janus. Janus is from Holland and is a general service dog. Sarah and Janus work in Central Region out of the Nottawasaga, Dufferin, Caledon, Huronia West and Collingwood Detachments.



Cst. Barry KELLY and GSD OTIS

Cst. Kelly is a handler with 28 years year of service with the OPP, 16 of which have been with the OPP Canine Unit . He has formerly served with the OPP Emergency Response Team.



Cst. Matthew LALLY and PSD KILO

Cst. Lally has been with the Calgary Police Service for 13 years, the last two with the canine unit. Cst. Lally and PSD Kilo certified in October 2021 and have been working together ever since in a patrol capacity. PSD Kilo is a headstrong, 105-pound, three-year-old Dutch Shepherd from Holland. His favorite activities include biting his handler and playing tug-of-war.



Cst. Adam MARTIN and PSD MAKO

Cst. Martin was hired by the OPP in 2007 and has worked in various detachments across the province. He was previously a member of both the OPP Emergency Response Team in Marathon and the Tactics and Rescue Unit in Orillia before joining the canine unit in 2016. Cst. Martin was paired with PSD Mako and completed the general service and detection course in 2017 where they were posted to the Rainy River District of Northwestern Ontario. PSD Mako is an eight and a half-year-old Dutch shepherd who comes from Slovakia.



Cst. Graham McDONALD and PSD OTTO

Cst. McDonald and PSD Otto have been partners for three years at the Regina Police Service. PSD Otto is a 5-year-old German shepherd from the Czech Republic and has never competed in trials.



Cst. Ken MEAD and PSD HITCH

Cst. Mead and PSD Hitch have been partnered since 2017. PSD Hitch is an eight-year-old black/tan German shepherd. Saanich Police purchased Hitch from the RCMP Police Dog Service. PSD Hitch is trained for general duty, as well as drugs and firearms detection. Cst. Mead is a 15-year member with Saanich Police and has been seconded to the Integrated Canine Service since Victoria Police and Saanich Police combined their dog sections to form the unit.



Cst. Derry MIHELL and PSD CALVIN

PSD Calvin is a four-year-old Belgian Malinois dog from Holland. He has been in service for two years and is partnered with Cst. Mihell of the Ontario Provincial Police. Mihell has been a police officer for 25 years and has been a canine handler since 2007. Calvin is stationed in Sudbury, Ontario. As a patrol dog, Calvin can track and apprehend suspects and find physical evidence, illicit drugs and firearms.



Cpl. Darrell MOORES and PSD PATRICK (Paddy)

PSD Paddy is a 19-month-old male German shepherd from the RCMP breeding program. He was raised in Kamloops BC and entered training with Cpl. Moores in February of 2023. He is trained for patrol work and explosive detection. Cpl. Moores and PSD Paddy are posted in Toronto, Ontario, providing police dog services to the RCMP in 'O' Division.



Cst. Trevor MORRISON and PSD NERO

Cst. Morrison and PSD Nero are members of the York Regional Police Canine Unit and have been partnered together since 2015. PSD Nero is a nine-year-old German Shepherd from Slovakia who came to Canada in March 2015. PSD Nero became a police service dog after completing his basic training course in 2015. He is trained in general purpose patrol work and firearms detection.



Cst. Melissa PIRIE and PSD TYTAN

Cst. Pirie and three-year-old police service dog TYTAN from the OPP are competing in their first trials. This canine team serves the Muskoka area.



Cst. Andrew SMITH and PSD AARON

Cst. Smith partnered with Aaron, four-year-old Belgian malinois, a Tactical Integrated Canine with the OPP Central Tactics and Rescue Unit. He is a dual-purpose dog with explosive detection and general duties. He trains exclusively with the Tactics and Rescue Unit. He is utilized in a wide range of roles, including entries on hostage-takers and tracking of armed suspects. He works every day with the same team members, so he is considered a fully integrated member of the team.



Cst. Danielle STERNS and PSD RIGGS

Cst. Sterns is a 14 year member of Peel Regional Police with three years in the canine unit. PSD Riggs is a general purpose and cadaver detection Belgian malinois from Quebec.



Cst. TJ STRUEBY and PSD BUSTER

Cst. Strueby and PSD Buster have been partnered together for two-and-a-half years and have been working the street as a canine team with the Regina Police Service Canine Unit for two years. PSD Buster is a three-and-a-half-year-old German shepherd and was born in Croatia. This is the second CPCA trials competition that Cst. Strueby and PSD Buster will be participating in. PSD Buster is a very social dog and loves going in for his shifts to work.



Sgt. Sean THRUSH and PSD REBUS

Sgt. Thrush is a 23-year member of the Toronto Police Service with nine years experience as a canine handler. He was a member of the Police Dog Services Unit from 2008 to 2014, handling a general purpose and cadaver detection dog, Sirk, as well as a narcotics and firearm detection dog, Skye. He returned to the unit in 2021, where he currently works with Rebus, a three-year old Belgian malinois general purpose dog, and Frankie, a 4-year old Springer Spaniel cadaver detection dog.

This team is competing in honour of the Toronto Police Service Dog “Bingo” who was recently killed in the line of duty on July 25, when he and his partner Sgt. Brandon Smith were searching for an armed subject in Toronto.



Cst. Dan TURCO and PSD HEKTOR

Cst. Turco is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service with 11 years as a canine handler. He has been partnered with HSD Hector for five years. HSD Hector is a six-year-old Belgian malinois trained in general service and drug and gun detection.



Cst. Kurtis VAUGHAN and PSD TIMBER

A 20-year member of the Peel Regional Police, Cst. Vaughn has been with the canine unit for six years. PSD Timber is a general purpose Belgian malinois and German shepherd cross from Hungary.



Cst. Dillon WENTWORTH and PSD GRYPHON

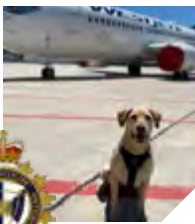
Cst. Wentworth is a member of the Peterborough Police Canine Unit. He will be competing with PSD Gryphon, a three-year-old general purpose patrol and narcotics detection. Gryphon is a Dutch shepherd who was imported from the Netherlands.



Cst. Brett WILLIAMS and PSD MALIN

Cst. Williams is a 12-year member with the Calgary Police Service, of that he has spent the last year in the Canine Unit. Cst. Williams is partnered with a two-year-old Belgian malinois, Malin, who is a general patrol dog. Malin is a sharp dog who has learned her new position much quicker than her handler. The two enjoy working together every day and are excited for what their careers hold in the future.

DRUG DETECTION COMPETITORS



Officer Ryan GAMBLE and PSD INDY

PSD Indy and her handler Officer Gamble have been working at Toronto's Pearson International Airport since November 2017. Their duties at the airport include screening passengers, bags, cargo and aircrafts for contraband. Indy will celebrate her ninth birthday and retirement in March 2024 after six years of service to the agency.



Officer Martin GRENIER and PSD CHEERS

Officer Grenier and PSD Cheers have worked at the Montreal postal facility for the last four years. They work everyday trying to intercept narcotics and firearms.



Officer Marie-Josée MORANVILLE and PSD ECHO

Officer Moranville is a canine handler for Canada Border Services Agency out of the Quebec Region, working as a canine handler since 2019 on the land border of New York and Vermont. Her partner, Echo, is a two-year-old labrador retriever.



Jason POWELL and PSD CHASE

Jason has been a Correctional Officer since 2014 and a canine handler since 2022 with the Ministry of the Solicitor General (Corrections). Chase is a four-year-old Correctional Service Dog (CSD) and is a single purpose passive alert shepherd malinois cross. Chase is trained in contraband detection such as drugs, firearms and ammunition. Jason and Chase serve the provincial correctional institutions in Ontario with a mandate to deter, detect and prevent contraband from entering our institutions.



Officer Luke THOMSON and DENVER

Officer Thomson and five-year-old black labrador, Denver, have been certified and deployed as a team since December 2018. They work for the Canada Border Service Agency at the Lansdowne Port of Entry in the Thousand Islands, Ontario. Officer Thomson and Denver work in many different environments including highways, marine, airports and warehouses, as well as assisting domestic policing partners.



EXPLOSIVE DETECTION COMPETITORS



Sgt. Matt BERTRAM and PSD ROXY

Sgt. Bertram is a 23-year member of Peel Regional Police with 11 years in the Canine Unit. For six years, Sgt. Bertram was a constable handling a general purpose and narcotics detection German shepherd, Trooper, and later as a sergeant with explosives detection German short-haired pointer, Roxy, for five years.



Cst. Kris BLACK and PSD CELAENA

Cst. Black is a member of the OPP. His explosive detection dog, Celaena, is a five-year-old German shepherd from Alabama. They have been in service since 2019.



Danielle FOX and PSD EEVI

Danielle has been an explosive detection canine handler with the Ottawa Airport Authority for 12 years. Her canine partner, Eevi, a six-and-a-half-year-old German Shepherd, has been in service since 2017. Eevi is social, happy and is always enthusiastic about her job.



Cst. Lisa MACKAY and PSD HARNETT

Cst. Mackay and PSD Harnett make up one of the Metro Vancouver Transit Police canine teams and have been partnered for the past two years. PSD Harnett is trained as a single profile canine explosive detection dog with the ability to detect firearms and ammunition. A typical day includes training in various locations, sweeps of SkyTrain stations, bus loops and various other transit-related environments around the lower mainland in British Columbia.



Special Cst. William NG and PSD TANGO

Metrolinx/GO Transit Customer Protective Services Special Constable canine handler Ng with two single profile canine, explosive detection dog, Tango, and human remains detection canine, Sarge. Since 2019, the team have been servicing the regional transit system covering 13 regions within the Ontario. PSD Tango's duties include, but are not limited to responding to unattended/suspicious items, bomb threats and pre-event sweeps.



Cst. Dugald SHILLITO and PSD SCOUT

Metro Vancouver Transit Cst. Shillito and PSD Scout, a single profile explosive detection dog, have been working together for the past four years. Together, they conduct preventative sweeps of trains and stations along the SkyTrain, West Coast Express and SeaBus systems in the lower mainland of British Columbia.



Sgt. Travis WINTJES and PSD CARL

PSD Carl is a four-year-old German shepherd, Belgian malinois mix. He is a single-purpose canine trained and certified in explosive detection in 2020 with the London Police Service Canine Unit. Carl is handled and trained by Sgt. Wintjes of the London Police Service. This is Carl's first visit to the CPCA Trials.

Good Luck to all the K9 Competitors!



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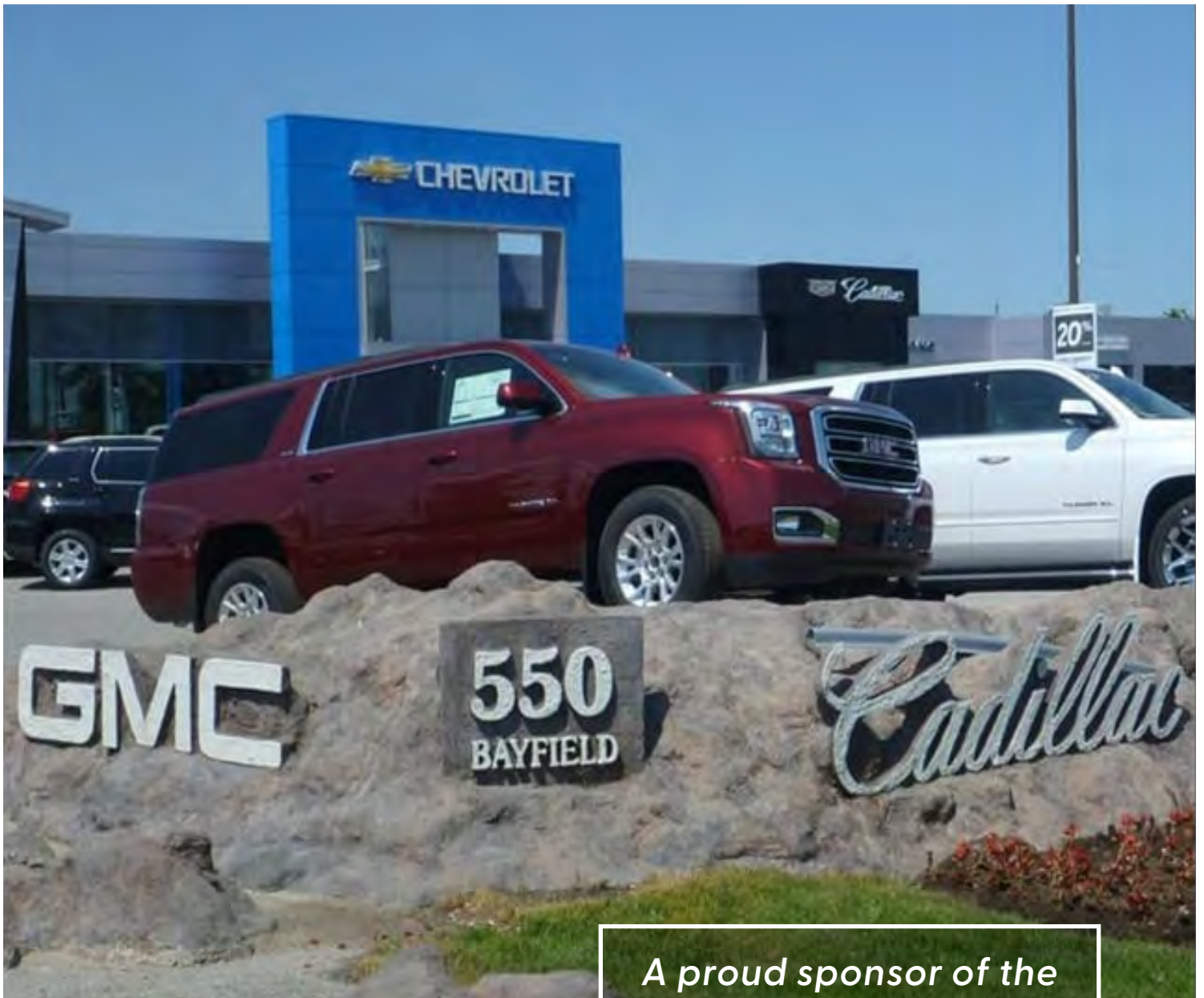
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