

**Dan  
Merrifield**

**Historic Human Remains Detection Specialist  
– IN TRAINING**

Dan joined the Canine Forensic Foundation as a Historic Human Remains Detection Dog (HHRDD) trainee. He met Lynne Angeloro in 2021 at a Cascadia Search Dog training and became interested in the work being done by the foundation. He and his canine Belle have started training HHRD under the guidance of the Canine Forensic Foundation in the spring of 2022.

Dan's background includes over a decade of training canines with Washington State Search & Rescue (SAR) organizations. He is currently active with Snohomish County SAR, Mason County K9 SAR, Everett Mountain Rescue, Cascadia Search Dogs, Washington State SAR Planning Unit, and Canine Forensics Foundation. He has worked many cold cases with the Washington State SAR Planning Unit for the King County Sheriff's department. Dan is also a master at mapping.

Dan obtained Belle from a breeder of field English Springer Spaniels in Michigan at 8 weeks. He and Belle train 5-7 days a week in preparation for their fall certification testing.

**Canine:** Belle

**Historic Human Remains Detection Dog**

**DOB:** May 17, 2021

**Breed:** English Springer Spaniel, Black & White

**Certification:**

- \* Level I, II & III obedience thru PetCo Dog Training
- \* Belle was certified as a Canine Good Citizen in 2022 with the American Kennel Club [AKC]
- \* Attained K9FF Certification in Historic Human Remains Detection [HHRD] in September 2022