

**Suzanne
Elshult**

Historic Human Remains Detection Specialist

Suzanne has been active in search and rescue and K9 human remains detection since 2001. Over the last 21 years she has certified dogs in multiple disciplines including human remains detection, avalanche, air scent, and disaster. She is a Founder and the Past President of Cascadia Search Dogs and was in a K9 leadership position with Snohomish County Volunteer Search and Rescue for many years. Her two current Labrador retrievers are certified as single-purpose human remains detection dogs and are deployed on crime scene and cold cases throughout Washington State by County Sheriff's Departments. Keb has been certified in Human Remains Detection (HRD) on an annual or bi-annual basis since 2014 and has just been certified on Historic Human Remains Detection (HHRD) in September 2022.

Three-year-old Kili certified in Human Remains Detection for the first time in 2020 and has just been certified on Historic Human Remains Detection in September 2022. Certifying national organizations used include the North American Police Working Dog Association, The International Police Working Dog Association, and the National Search Dog Alliance. Both Keb and Kili have been training with the Canine Forensics Foundation about a year ago.

Keb has had a long, successful career with multiple finds, including a mandible that resolved a 9-year-old cold case, a skull of a person missing for 18 months, three of the victims of the OSO landslide which tragically claimed 43 lives, and more.

Associations:

- ✦ Cascadia Search Dogs – President and Founder
- ✦ Mason County K9 Search and Rescue – K9 Handler
- ✦ Snohomish County Volunteer Search and Rescue - K9 Air Scent/HRD Lead/K9 Handler
- ✦ National Search Dog Alliance – Board of Directors and Social Media Officer, 3 years
- ✦ Mountain Rescue Board of Directors

Canine: Keb

Historic Human Remains Detection Dog

DOB: January 7, 2010

Breed: Yellow Labrador

Certification:

- ✿ Keb was certified as a Canine Good Citizen in 2022 with the American Kennel Club [AKC]
- ✿ Keb has been certified in Human Remains Detection on an annual or bi-annual basis since 2014
- ✿ Certified as a single-purpose HRD dog (2018)
- ✿ Crime Scene HRD and Land HRD with the International Police Work Dog Association (2020), the North American Police Work Dog Association (2018)
- ✿ Crime Scene HRD and Land HRD with the National Search Dog Alliance (2016), Avalanche – First Responder (2018), Disaster Type III - HRD and - Live Find – First Responder 2016)
- ✿ Snohomish County Volunteer Search and Rescue (2017) in Area/Air Scent and Area/Large Source (2017)
- ✿ Certified in Historic Human Remains Detection [HHRD] in September 2022

Canine: Kili

Historic Human Remains Detection Dog

DOB: August 31, 2018

Breed: Yellow Labrador

Certification:

- ✿ Kili was certified as a Canine Good Citizen in 2022 with the American Kennel Club [AKC]
- ✿ Certified as single purpose human remains detection dogs
- ✿ Certified with the North American Police Working Dog Association in 2020
- ✿ Certified with The International Police Working Dog Association in 2020
- ✿ Certified with the National Search Dog Alliance in 2020
- ✿ Certified in Historic Human Remains Detection [HHRD] in September 2021
- ✿ Certified in Human Remains Detection (HRD) in December 2022