

History of Sam

Sam is owned and handled by Matthew McElwee. Sam was hand selected by Alex Vancea who is the owner of Caine De Lup Kennels in Smyrna, GA. Caine De Lup is roughly translated into “Wolf Dog”. This kennel has a reputation for breeding high quality German Shepherd sport dogs and police or protection dogs. Their dogs come from the old Czech Lines and DDR German Shepherds. Sam was purchased by Matthew after being hand selected to have the appropriate drives for service work. Sam also came with a health guarantee on his hips for the first two years. Sam was imported from Czechoslovakia and both his parents are titled in ring sports. Sam has since been registered through the AKC by Matthew. Sam’s training with Dynamic K-9 Solutions began immediately upon Matthew purchasing him. At that time Sam was sixteen weeks old. Since then Sam has learned to sit, down, stay, come, heel, and walk loosely on a leash. Also all of this can be done off lead as well and with distractions.

Part of the service dog training has involved us teaching Sam to leave certain items while working. He has learned to refuse food, not seek affection from the public, provide a barrier between Matthew and a crowd of people, he also will cover Matthew by walking behind Matthew so no one can sneak up on Matthew. Sam has also been imprinted to interrupt panic/anxiety/flashback attacks. Sam to the date of this article has already interrupted one panic attack. Sam has been introduced and is still being trained in the task of interrupting night terrors. When Matthew has a night terror, Sam has been taught to place his paws and head on Matthew to keep him safe and provide comfort during the night terror. On top of these task, Sam is also being trained to clear buildings and rooms for Matthew. Sam will locate people in rooms and building and alert Matthew to their presence. This is especially important for Matthew when he

is going into a dark room or a new environment. During his training Sam has encountered, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Kroger, The Cedar Valley Arts Festival, The Border Mexican Restaurant, Nail Salons, and many other places. Sam's outlook with Matthew is far beyond what we initially hoped for. Sam has surpassed everything we wanted in a dog for Matthew. Matthew has been a trainers dream. He has taken the instructions given to him and applied them throughout this entire process.

Initially there was a window of having Sam ready for full service between the ages of eighteen months and twenty four months. With what we have seen so far Sam will achieve this more than likely well before the eighteen month mark. Sam will have his AKC Canine Good Citizen Certification this fall, and while that is not required it is a step we as our company take to show the public and others that our dogs are cut from a different cloth.