



# President's Welcome Letter

I want to personally extend a warm welcome to you in joining one of the finest K9 organizations in the world. I'm confident that you will be satisfied with the services that we offer.

The information enclosed will help you make the most of our services. If you have questions, please contact us. My office, along with the other elected officials are here to support your success as a member of the association.

IPWDA was established in 1998 for the promotion of the working dog team providing the best resources available for the professional canine unit. IPWDA is a 501C3 non-profit association dedicated to the training, development and certification of law enforcement and Search and Rescue canine teams throughout the K9 industry worldwide. Currently, our member database has over 1500 members in all disciplines/specialties of law enforcement k-9.

Our association offers nationally accepted certifications throughout the year. We provide regional and national canine training seminars several times a year, along with leadership and training for canine administrators in all supervisory levels. IPWDA has Trainers, Instructors, Master Trainers, along with a Board of Directors with vast amount of canine experience in all canine related disciplines and supervisory rolls.

IPWDA provides an accreditation board of peers that are experts in their specialty disciplines to challenge and select the top-quality persons seeking these positions along with on line web-based testing on the general knowledge of all applicants.

Our website was built in which every member has a personnel file. All tests, certifications, critiques and other documentation are stored for future use by the member or accreditation board.

Department Administrators and Unit Commanders may also have a copy of the certifying teams test emailed to them for tracking and records keeping purposes. The test sheet and certificate are generated immediately and emailed to the k9 team and certifying Master Trainer.

Please, take a moment and tour our website, review our certification standards and check out our upcoming events. Being a member owned association, we strive in working hard for you in making this association the best the industry offers.

As your needs change, we're happy to help evaluate those and offer you any services we can that will assist you in achieving your new goals. Our knowledgeable and well-trained staff are always available to assist you.

Again, thank you for choosing IPWDA. We look forward to having you aboard!

Sincerely,

# Richard L. McQueary

President

Master Trainer # 1 Patrol/Narcotics.

