

## **K9 Shay January 2011 Notes**

Progressive measures to curb criminal activities and enhancing the safety of officers who usually work long distances from backup is serious business for all Law Enforcement agencies. Those issues are of grave importance also for the Bureau of Land Management which has recently added a K9 Unit to its ranks. BLM Law Enforcement Officer, Cory Manseau and K9 King have been trained and are now on patrol in areas under federal jurisdiction in southwest Montana. The new K9 team is the first to be employed by the BLM in Montana. Manseau and K9 King have been working and training closely with the Madison County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit, Deputy Dan S. Birdsill and K9 Shay. With both officers and their K9's working and training together, the communities they serve are better protected. Officers Birdsill and Manseau are dedicated professionals who are passionate about their positions with the K9 Units. Along with their normal duties, they can usually be found sharpening many skills. Building searches for suspects, criminal apprehension, drug detection, officer protection and obedience are a few of the disciplines the K9's and handlers are certified to perform.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office is proud to be part of the ongoing multi-jurisdictional cooperation between the United States Forest Service and The bureau of Land Management. The following photographs depict Officers Birdsill and Manseau during narcotics detection training and patrol work with their K9 partners. The K9's are kept sharp by constantly practicing on average for 4 hours per week. Both officers spend an enormous amount of personal time with their K9 partners and admit its a tremendous responsibility. Being in charge of a K9 often finds the officer committing time to a host of activities which range from visiting preschools to meeting with numerous civic groups.

Again this year during the county fair, officers have made time to present an interesting and informative demonstration.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office is proud and excited to sponsor the 2nd annual K9 Demonstration during the Madison County Fair. Its free to the public and will take place on the 14th of August at 2:00 PM in the grassy area west of the white horse stables at the fairgrounds. K9 handlers and trainers at this event will be eager to answer questions, share experiences and offer advise on training issues the public may have with their own dogs. K9 Unit tee shirts should be available for sale this year at the Madison County Sheriff's Office booth.



K9 King and Officer Cory Manseau training for criminal apprehension



Officer Cory Manseau and K9 King



Officer Birdsill and K9 Shay practicing  
Decoy Development with  
Officer Manseau



Master Trainer Dale Brandeberry taking  
a flying bite from K9 Shay

Officer Manseau and K9 King  
search ATV's for narcotics



Officer Birdsill and K9 Shay checking vehicles for illegal substances



If he can't get under... Bad Guy beware!

Officer Garrison wearing the bite suit



Forest Service LEO Kala Jaquith and K9 Nero