

MICHAEL S. GOULD

Canine Trainer/ Examiner

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SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW

Michael S. Gould is a court qualified expert witness in dog bite analysis and animal aggression. Qualified in police canine deployment, management, use of force and scent detection including explosives, narcotics, cadaver, tracking and trailing. More than 30 years of experience training, supervising, and deploying canine teams for private and government agencies. He began his career with the NYPD canine unit and later moved to the Nassau County Police Department, where he achieved the rank of Lieutenant and was appointed to the position of Commanding Officer of the Department's Canine Unit. As a New York State certified canine trainer and examiner, Michael has evaluated canine teams for law enforcement agencies and has extensive experience identifying and evaluating dog behavior. His canine scent detection company (Canine Consultants International) was one of the first private companies to deploy canine teams at Ground Zero after the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attack. In addition to owning and operating a pet care business (Hounds Town Inc.), Michael regularly evaluates the temperaments of dogs for their suitability as pets and their ability to interact non-aggressively in pack environments. He regularly supervises and studies canine pack behaviors and has successfully testified about dog bites, animal aggression, and police canine deployment in court for private clients. He is a founding member of the NYPD elite canine unit and a 1998 graduate of the FBI National Academy.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT **1979-1986**

Police Officer; Canine Trainer, Examiner, and Instructor

- Instructed NYPD personnel and other law enforcement agencies in the proper deployment and use of police canines.
- Trained police personnel in the use of force in relation to police canines.
- Trained canine unit members on proper handling techniques and matters related to search and seizure.
- Evaluated and assessed dogs for suitability as police service dogs (PSD).

NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT **1986-2004**

Commanding Officer, Canine Unit

- Represented Nassau County as the Department expert on police canines including the use of force, deployment, and tactics.
- Testified in criminal and civil court as well as for internal hearings and investigations.
- Selected and examined police officers and canines for suitability in police canine work.
- Trained and deployed patrol, explosive, narcotic, cadaver, and detector dogs.
- Planned and supervised security details for foreign dignitaries and political figures including Presidents of the United States.

CANINE CONSULTANTS INTERNATIONAL **1998-2002**

President, Director of Programs

- Co-founded scent detection dog business for private industry.

- Trained and deployed scent detection canine teams for use in high-level security details in schools, major financial institutions, for cruise ships, and foreign governments.
- Provided canine teams to secure the American Stock Exchange following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.
- Presented high-level security seminars to business executives on effective security measures.

UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE**1973-2003*****Physical Security Specialist and Trainer***

- Trained military personnel in the proper use and deployment of Military Working Dogs (MWD).
- Served as a physical security specialist in Naples, Italy, post-September 11, 2001.
- Supervised a 15-person anti-terrorist security team, which included Military Working Dog teams.
- Served on active military duty from 1973-1975 and from 2001-2002.

HOUNDS TOWN INC. PET CARE FRANCHISE Ronkonkoma, NY**2000-Present*****Founder and President***

- Managed, supervised, and cared for over 250,000 dogs since inception in 2000.
- Evaluate and assess dogs' personalities and temperaments for suitability as pets.
- Established a basic and advanced obedience training practice for private clients.
- Established a behavioral assessment and training program for municipal shelters, Department of Social Services, and private rescue groups.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, State University of New York
 Graduate, NYPD Police Academy, 1979
 Graduate, **NYC Transit Police Canine Academy**, 1982
 Graduate, **NYPD Canine Academy**, 1983
 Graduate, Nassau County Police Academy, 1986
 Graduate, Nassau County Police Supervisor's School, 1992
 Graduate, **Suffolk County Police Canine Academy**, 1994
 Graduate, **Nassau County Police Canine Academy**, 1995
 Graduate, **FBI National Academy**, 1998

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- New York State Bureau of Municipal Police (BMP) Certified Canine Trainer and Examiner of Police Patrol, Tracking, and Scent Detection Dogs (*Retired*)
- New York State Bureau of Municipal Police Certified Instructor (*Retired*)
- United States Navy Law Enforcement Certified Instructor (*Retired*)

PROFESSIONAL AND FRATERNAL MEMBERSHIPS

- F.B.I. National Academy, FBNIA
- United States Naval Reserve, USNR (*Retired*)
- United States Police Canine Assoc., Associate Member
- American Kennel and Boarding Association
- Nassau County Police Superior Officers Association