



ON THE LINE

THE SEARCH TEAM CHALLENGE

A team experience in communication, trust & collaboration



Built on real search dog training principles

OVERVIEW

The Search Team Challenge places participants inside the structure of a working search dog unit, introducing real operational dynamics through live search scenarios where communication, coordination and shared responsibility directly influence outcomes.

Participants work alongside an experienced search dog and take on defined roles within the team. Each role reflects a core function within a search operation, and each participant contributes to how the search unfolds.

The workshop is built in two stages. The first explores how individuals naturally communicate, respond and contribute within a team environment. The second brings these elements together, as the team forms with clarity and purpose before moving into a live operational search.

Workshop Outcomes

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Work effectively within a structured team environment
- Communicate clearly in dynamic and changing situations
- Recognise individual strengths within a team context
- Understand how behaviour and decision-making influence group performance
- Adapt to changing situations with clarity and shared responsibility
- Strengthen trust and collaboration through a shared experience

How It Works

Participants work as a single operational team alongside an experienced search dog.

Individuals develop an understanding of their natural working style through practical exercises. These insights are then used to form a structured team, with roles aligned to strengths observed during the session.

Session Structure

Briefing

Introduction to the scenario, roles, and working principles.

Skill & Behaviour Phase

Practical exercises to explore communication, observation and response.

Team Formation

Roles defined based on observed strengths.

Operational Search

The team plans and carries out a live search.

Debrief

Reflection on communication, roles and team performance.

Roles Within the Team

Dog Handler

Works directly with the dog, managing the line and responding to movement and direction

Strategy & Planning

Designs and communicates the search approach

Observation & Intelligence

Reads behaviour, recognises patterns and identifies key information

Team Coordination

Supports the structure of the operation, communication and team structure

The Team Experience

Teams work towards a shared objective where communication, coordination and individual contribution directly influence the outcome.

The experience builds a strong sense of connection as participants adapt together, take responsibility and operate as a unit.

Built on Real Search Dog Training Principles

Grounded in real search dog training, the workshop demonstrates how communication, behaviour and decision-making shape outcomes in real time.

WORKSHOP DETAILS

Duration

Approximately 3 hours

Group Size

Typically 8 to 24 participants per session

Sessions can be adapted depending on team size and objectives.

Location

Workshops can be delivered on-site or at suitable outdoor locations

Delivery

Delivered by accredited Mantrailing Global Instructors and Mantrailing in Education Specialists using experienced search dogs, ensuring a structured, safe and professionally guided experience.

Booking & Enquiries

For availability, pricing and to discuss your team:

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Each workshop is adapted to suit team goals, environments and scheduling