



California Rescue Dog Association

Background Information

History:

Founded in 1978

Current Membership:

- 218 certified handlers
- 45 trainees
- 23 non-dog handlers supporting training
 - All three categories combined = 286 Dues paying members
- Team members range from Siskiyou in north to San Diego in south.
- 154 members able to search, as of 1/1/2023

Governance and Funding:

501c3 non-profit registered with the IRS and State of California.

Board of Directors elected for 2-year terms (7 members)

Fund raising chiefly through private donations

Guidestar Gold Seal of Transparency 2022



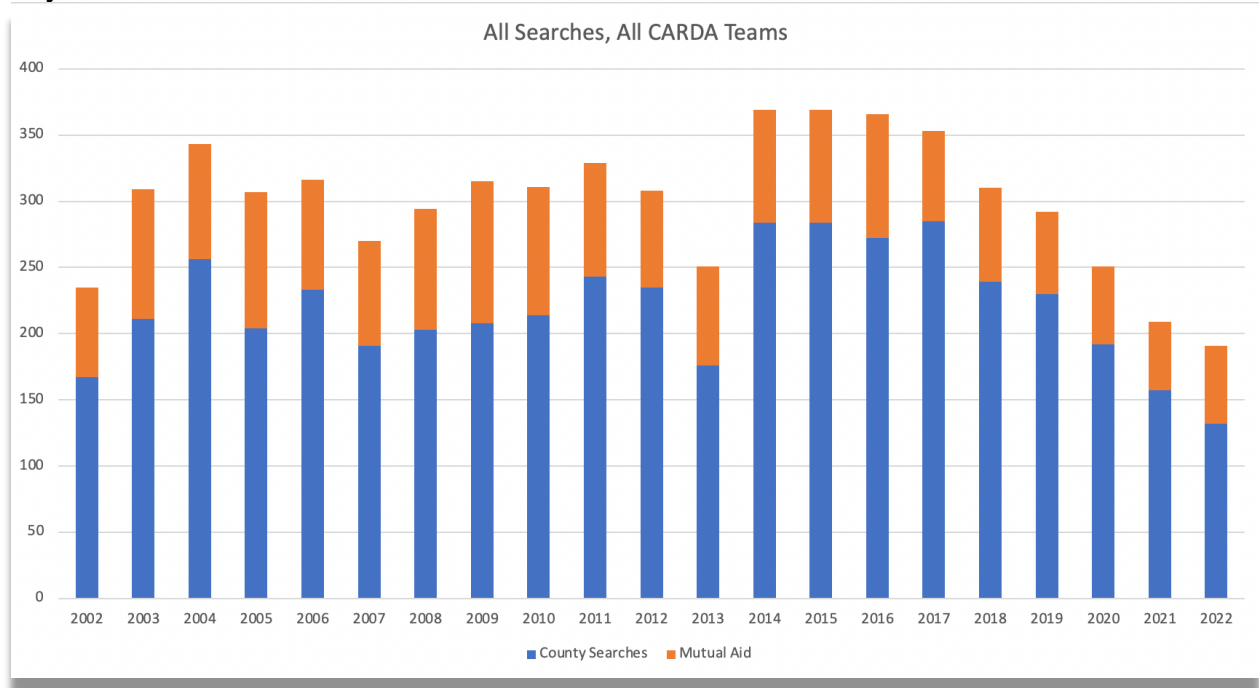
Search scope & savings for state taxpayers: *Typical year will involve:*

- 8,000-10,000 hours of time (unpaid volunteers)
- 90,000 – 120,000 miles of travel (unpaid/non-reimbursed)



This saves taxpayers approximately \$75,000 in mileage costs and \$500,000 in salaries for services performed by volunteers rather than paid officers.

20 years of search data



County sheriff search and rescue affiliations:

CARDA canine team members are actively participating on 28 of 58 County Sheriff Search & Rescue teams.

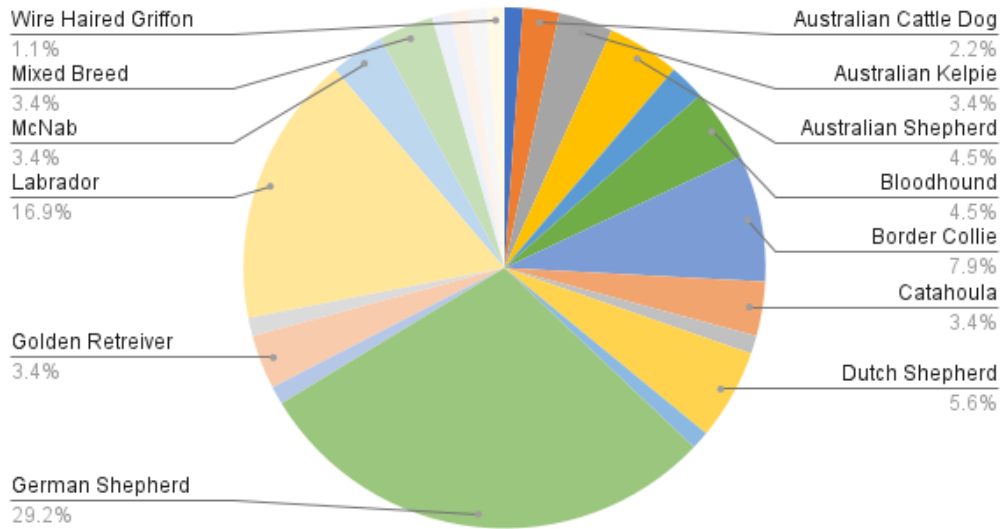
Type of canine search & rescue certifications:

- Trailing (scent of a specific person)
- Air scent/Wilderness (non-scent specific)
- Human Remains Detection (Land and Water)
- Avalanche
- Disaster

Most common breed of canine:



Count



- Australian Shepherd
- Australian Cattle Dog
- Belgian Malinois
- Border Collie
- Dutch Shepherd
- German Shepherd
- Golden Retriever
- Labrador Retriever

canine certification duration:

24 months, except human remains detection is 12 months.