

# Raennik Aiko Police Dog "Ike"

Date of Birth 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2003 Police Dog Training Course 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006 Appointed Police Tactical Dog 6<sup>th</sup> July 2006

### **Resume**

Ike has completed a Police Dog Training Course (General Purpose Dog). The course included Tracking, agility, building search, bush search and protection work. Ike then undertook and successfully completed a tactical course. Ike has excelled in this field and is now attached to the Special Emergency Response Team (SERT).

During 2008 lke was involved in over a dozen siege situations. Ike's role is to disarm offenders when the situation is considered too dangerous for officers. Due to the sensitivity of these activities, and pending court finalisation further details are not available for publication at this stage.

Over the course of his career he has been involved in hundreds of situations that have resulted in the arrest of offenders. Please see next page for a few scenarios that lke has been involved in.

Ike is an integral part of the Queensland Police Service breeding program. Ike has produced two litters for the Police Service breeding program and to date three of his progeny have developed into operational Police Dogs.

Ike has now been used as a stud dog by other police agencies including New South Wales, Victorian Police and the Royal Australia Air Force.

Ike is considered the cornerstone of the Queensland Police Dog Program and his working ability; especially tracking makes him a valuable member of the Queensland Police Dog Squad. Assistant Commissioners Award nomination. IKE tracked from dumped stolen vehicles to house. Entry committed. Offender decamped again and bitten. All 6 offenders arrested, property located and firearms etc.

Five offenders stormed the front entrance of the Centenary Tavern, Sumner. Two offenders approached a 21-year-old female employee behind the bar and demanded money from the till. A knife was placed behind the head of the attendant victim whilst a handgun was put in her face. The offenders then stole a sum of money from the till and a bottle of scotch. All five offenders then fled the hotel, their raid being captured on surveillance footage. Witnesses then observed the offenders to leaving in a stolen Holden Commodore sedan and another unidentified vehicle. Police were later called to an address in Inala where they located the two stolen vehicles. Senior Constable Sean CHAPMAN and Police Dog IKE were requested to attend and a track was located. The track ended at another residence where CHAPMAN could see a number of persons present at the house, awake and active in the back yard. Upon entry, police were confronted with a large number of hostile and uncooperative persons. In total there were 26 persons present at the house on the night. Initial police resources amounted to 9, 3 of which were Constables in their first year of service. Police then co-ordinated the arrests of six male offenders suspected of being involved in the armed robbery. Property located included the two weapons used during the armed robbery, \$1300 and alcohol linked to another incident at a Browns Plains Hotel Accordingly a recommendation both Senior Constable CHAPMAN and Police Dog Ike be given an Assistant Commissioner's Certificate (Operational).

### Short Track. Violent offender, threat of being armed. Serious offences.

Police were called to a Stafford residence for a violent domestic. The offender had been responsible for two previous violent domestic/assault incidents the previous day; on both occasions the offender has left prior to Police arrival. Investigations revealed that the offender had burnt the victim with cigarette butts, thrown car batteries at her and attempted to break her leg by wrapping it around a pole and forcing it from the other side. The offender was also responsible for assaulting a three-year-old girl. The offender was dragging the female person down the front stairs at knifepoint upon police arrival. When confronted the offender has then left the scene. An initial track was commenced and PD IKE located offender hiding under a deck at rear yard of another address in Stafford. When confronted the male person attempted to leave the scene on a further two separate occasions and PD IKE was released to apprehend the offender. Offender arrested and charged on 10/12/07. Charged with the following: 3 x Deprivation of Liberty 2 x Bodily Harm 2 x Bodily Harm whilst armed 1 x Torture 2 x AOBH on Three year old female

## This was a short track. But it was an apprehension where he had to take the offender down whilst he was riding a bicycle.

Police were on patrol in the Aspley area when they observed a male person running across a road from the Aspley East Special School into parkland. Police observed this person to be dressed in dark blue overalls, wearing gloves and a balaclava, also carrying a sledgehammer and large jemmy bar in a backpack. Chapman has then commenced a track with PD IKE in an attempt to locate the person. Approximately 80 metres into parkland police observed two offenders come from behind some trees and again leave the scene. One offender had jumped onto a bicycle and one left on foot. The offenders failed to stop when called upon to do so and IKE was released apprehending the offender riding the bicycle.

### Protection of handler and also apprehension of offender. Good track over heaps of fences etc.

Police have attended an intersection at Toowong in relation to a traffic crash involving a stolen vehicle where the offender had left the scene on foot. A track was commenced and a male person has confronted the CHAPMAN and threatened him eventually the male person was convinced to return to his residence as directed by police. PD IKE then indicated the offender was hiding underneath the front of a white Holden Commodore sedan within the garage of this address. CHAPMAN identified himself as a police officer and directed the offender to surrender himself. The offender then lashed out at the IKE hitting and kicking him in the head and body trying to avoid capture. Offender Arrested and Charged

#### Pursuit and track through suburbia. One of IKE's first jobs.

Senior Constable CHAPMAN was on patrol in the Clayfield area when they observed a stolen Red Ford Falcon Utility. CHAPMAN followed this vehicle and after trying to intercept it the vehicle sped off. The vehicle contained three occupants. A pursuit continued through Albion, Lutwyche, Wilston, Alderley and to Mitchelton where it terminated in Milton. Offenders exited the vehicle as it was moving at the end of the street and left the scene on foot. CHAPMAN ran track for first offender and located several streets away hiding in bushes in Enoggera Army Barracks. The offender attempted to leave the scene and ignored warnings to stop. PD IKE was released to apprehend offender. A second offender was also located. Search of area failed to locate outstanding third offender. Offenders arrested and charged by Boondall CIB.

It was with great pleasure, at the 2009 National Show & Trial, that the GSDCA President, Mr. Bruce Knight, presented to Police Dog "Ike" posthumously, the "German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Canine Outstanding Service Award" for his distinguished career in the Police force and had been an excellent ambassador for the breed.