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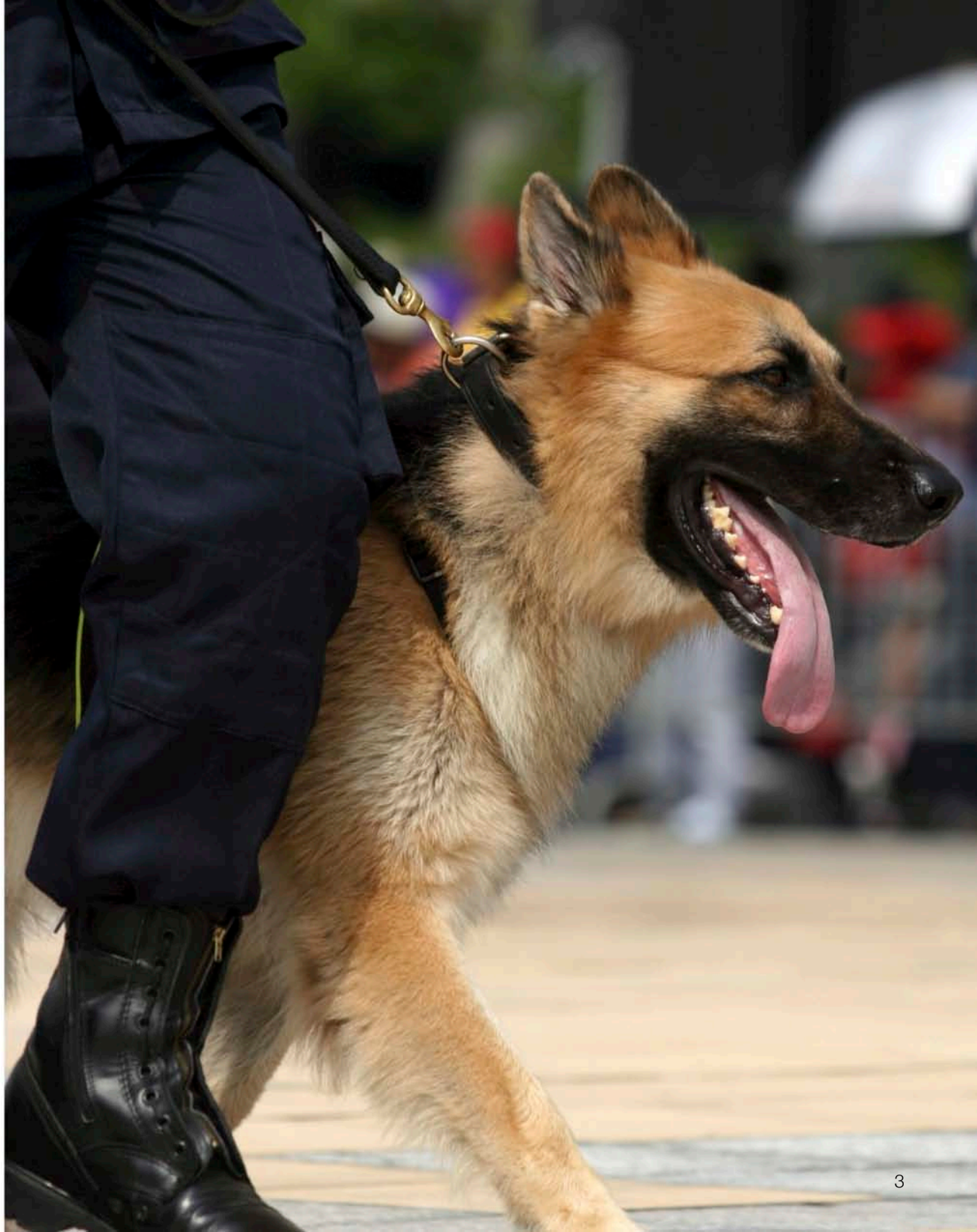




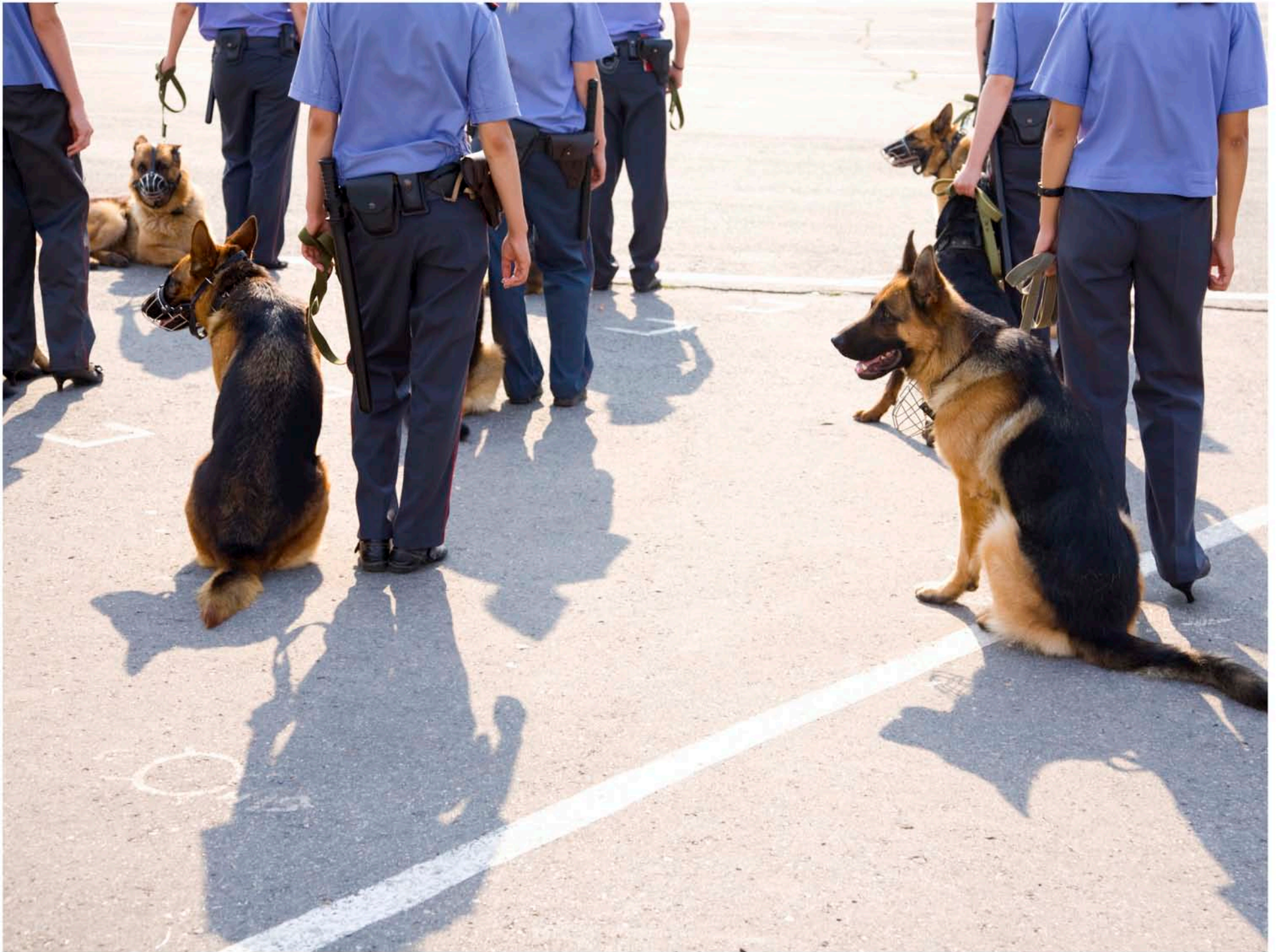
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Dogs play a crucial role in many law enforcement activities, most of which revolve around their most valuable tool: their noses. A dog's sense of smell is said to be thousands of times more powerful than that of humans.



Dogs can sniff out all sorts of things in all sorts of places: survivors in the rubble of an earthquake; drugs hidden in a suitcase at the airport; bombs in cars or packages; bodies buried deep in forests; and guns in closets. Don't think that just because a dog's sense of smell is up to a million times more sensitive than yours that it's not hard work. All police dogs go through rigorous training.

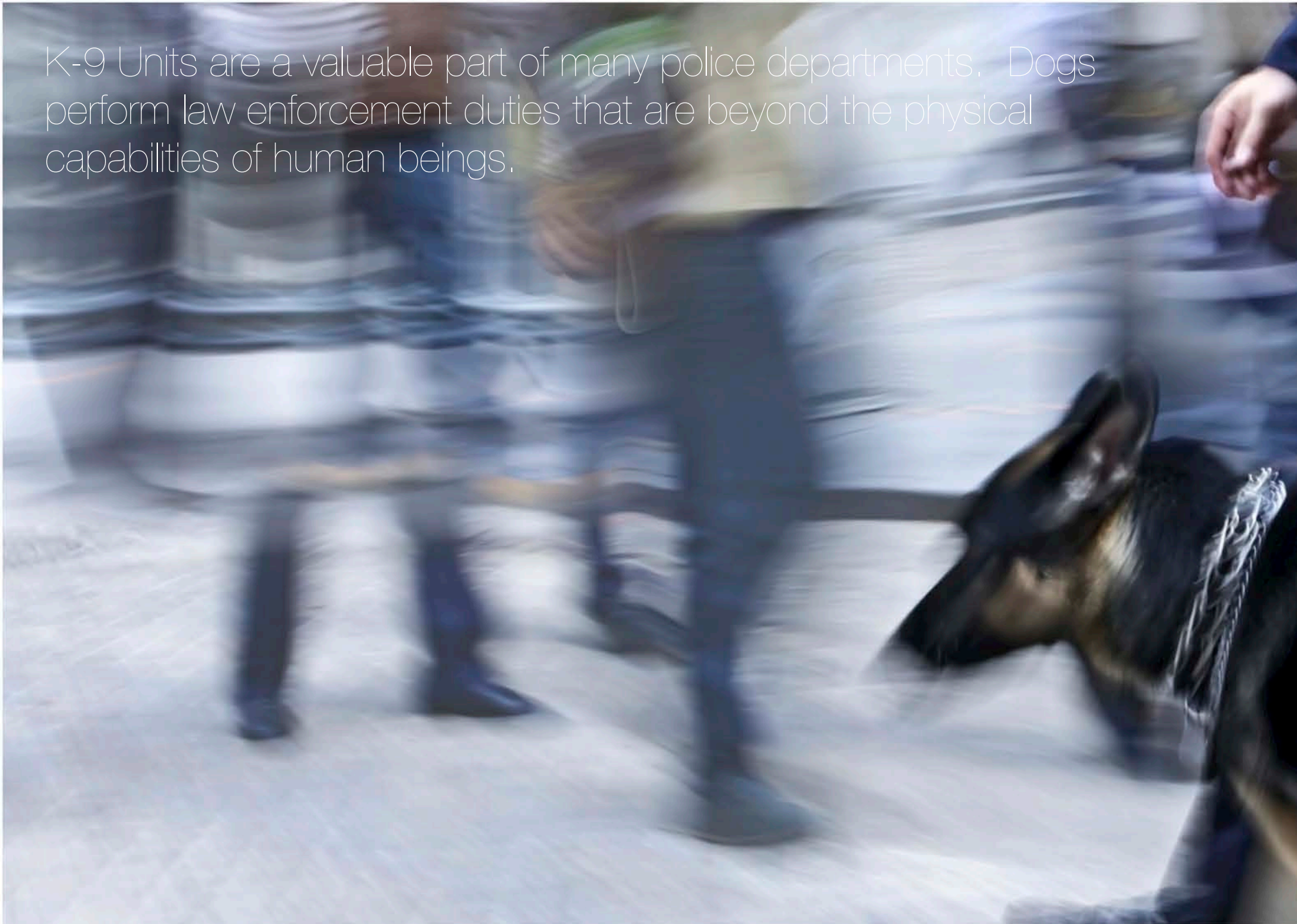




One man who worked with rescue dogs after an avalanche explained that, "after spending about 8 hours going through an avalanche area, we were all exhausted, but a couple of the dogs were still trying to find anybody they could.

Once we had accounted for everybody, a couple trainers asked some of us to partly bury ourselves so that the dogs could end their day finding a live body. The dog that found me was ecstatic that it had finally found somebody to save."

K-9 Units are a valuable part of many police departments. Dogs perform law enforcement duties that are beyond the physical capabilities of human beings.





# A History

The training of dogs for police work was originally developed in Ghent, Belgium (as early as 1859) and was soon being used elsewhere throughout the European continent.

Breeds with especially keen senses are used for

special purposes, such as detecting caches of illegal drugs or for tracking fugitives and missing persons. The most widely trained dogs for patrol work are the German Shepherd, Belgian Malinois, Boxers, Doberman Pinschers, Airedale

Terriers, Rottweilers, Giant Schnauzers, and Bloodhounds.



K-9 Units can be very effective in any community, but the choice to create one is based upon the departments workload, crime statistics and size.

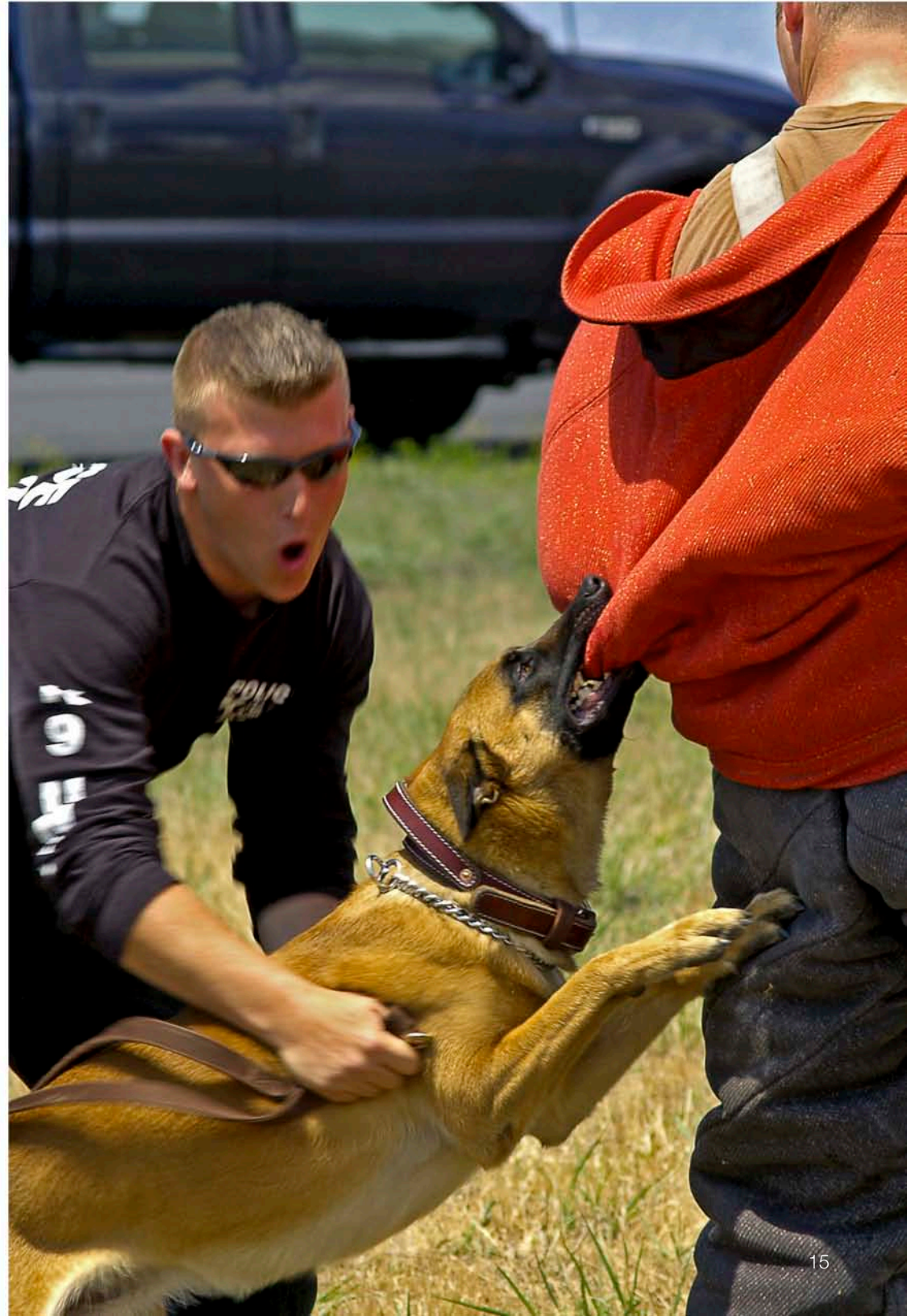


# Crime fighter on four legs

Patrolling in a well-marked K-9 vehicle is extremely effective tool for deterring crime. The psychological advantage of having a K-9 team patrolling an area is deemed to be tremendous.

A number of years ago, the Yarmouth, Massachusetts Police Department started their unit with three K-9 teams. During the first year, the unit worked hard in

reducing the number of break-ins in their business sectors. At the end of the first year of utilizing a highly visible K-9 unit, the rate of break-ins decreased 80% while surrounding communities experienced a sudden rise in this business burglaries.



Tracking is a prime function of the working police dog. Tracking suspects from burglaries, stolen cars, and robberies, or tracking lost children or adults are functions that, in the majority of conditions, a human cannot possibly duplicate.

The image shows the back of a dark blue uniform jacket. A coiled black radio cord is draped across the back, starting from the top left and extending towards the bottom left. The word "SHERIFF" is embroidered in large, bold, yellow capital letters across the upper back. Below it, the text "K-9" is also embroidered in large, bold, yellow capital letters. The uniform has a central vertical seam and two side seams. A small black device is visible at the top left corner of the frame.

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- \*Can the dog be donated or will it have to be purchased?
- \*Will the dog live indoors or outside? If outside, consider the cost of the kennel fencing, cement pad, dog house, etc.
- \*Training is paramount and quality does not come cheap.  
Who will pay for the dog's training?
- \*Who will pay for food and vet bills?











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