



Your gift will bring peace to many families of missing people who would never know what had happened to their loved one without the deployment of these highly trained dogs.

Who Can Donate

Any person of sound mind, who is over 18 years of age can register to donate his/her body, organs or tissues for education, research and the advancement of medical science or for the training of search and rescue animals (Original House Bill #0243, Enrolled Act #64, Chapter 93, Sixty-First Legislature of the State of Wyoming, 2011 General Session). There is no age limit for those who wish to donate. Living donors may donate by contacting their Doctor and NWK9SAR prior to any surgery or procedure to request the documentation necessary.

NORTHWEST K-9 SEARCH AND RECOVERY

SOUTHEAST WYOMING SEARCH AND RESCUE

Northwest K9 Search and Recovery and Southeast Wyoming Search and Rescue are a group of professionals who train and field search dogs to locate missing people. The dogs are trained in live find: (Wilderness Airscent, Urban and Wilderness Mantrailing) and Evidence location, as well as what is known as Cadaver, which entails graves/murder victims, people missing who have succumbed to the elements, drowning, hunting accidents, etc. The dogs must be trained on actual human remains (Human DNA) in order to locate that particular scent spectrum. Gifts of blood, placentas, teeth, knee and hip bones, internal organs as well as entire bodies are invaluable to the dogs' training regimens. We are very appreciative of all Anatomical Gifts and all donations are treated with the utmost respect and reverence. Donations are shared with human remains detection teams throughout Wyoming in order to train the canines to the highest level of competency.

How One Can Donate

In accordance with the Wyoming Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, an individual may arrange for the donation of his/her remains by executing the Instrument of Anatomical Gift for the State of Wyoming. To be valid, the instrument must be signed by two witnesses. The original instrument should be sent to Northwest K9 Search and Recovery or Southeast Wyoming Search and Rescue. You may withdraw your donation at any time by notifying our program in writing of your change of intention.

When Death Occurs

At the time of the donor's death, the person responsible for making final arrangements should call Northwest K9 Search and Recovery (307-587-7761) or Southeast Wyoming Search and Rescue (307-630-5373) as soon as possible to determine if NWK9SAR/SEWSAR can accept the donation.

Once a gift is accepted, a funeral home chosen by the family should be contacted and instructed to consult NWK9SAR/SEWSAR for instructions about the transportation of the body. NWK9SAR/SEWSAR will pay a stipend directly to the funeral director for transportation to a NWK9SAR/SEWSAR facility.

The funeral director will be reimbursed only for the cost of these services according to the policy and levels of reimbursement established by NWK9SAR/ SEWSAR.

The donor's estate will be responsible for any costs charged by the funeral home that exceed the stipend. NWK9SAR/SEWSAR must receive donor remains within 24 hours after death unless specific exemption is granted by NWK9SAR/SEWSAR. A body that has been autopsied will be accepted, however, a body that has been embalmed cannot be accepted for donation.

Alternative Arrangements

Acceptance of an anatomical gift is contingent upon the decision of Northwest K9 Search and Recovery or Southeast Wyoming Search and Rescue at the time of death of the donor. Northwest K9 Search and Recovery and Southeast Wyoming Search and Rescue reserve the right, at any time, to decline a particular anatomical gift for any reason.

Although most anatomical donations are accepted at the time of death, a donor (or donor family) should plan alternative arrangements for private cremation and/or burial in the event a donation must be declined.

We thank you for your interest in this gift to Northwest K9 Search and Recovery and Southeast Wyoming Search and Rescue, the Human Remains Detection Teams throughout the State of Wyoming thank you and the families and loved ones of all those missing thank you.