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To Whom It May Concern,

At the request of Pat O'Connor I'm writing this reference letter to assist in establishing Pat's qualifications to train law enforcement K-9 teams. First, however, I think a brief background regarding my involvement with the training of K-9 teams would be appropriate. Back in 1991, Bob Eden and I, both officers with a small municipal police department in southwestern British Columbia formed a private company, Eden and Ney Associates. The company specialized in weeklong seminars, the International K-9 Conference, that exposed K-9 officers to a wide range of training, tactics, and information essential to a successful K-9 team. The ultimate goal of the company was to develop contacts and a reputation that would permit us to ultimately open a kennel and training facility catering exclusively to law enforcement K-9 units.

Pat O'Connor was one of the originally instructors involved in the International K-9 Conferences, instructing at 20 conferences in the areas of obedience, muzzle work as well as the development of decoy skills. Pat excelled in clearly communicating the necessary information to handlers of all experience levels, while fully appreciating the various policies, legal restrictions and liabilities place upon officers from different jurisdictions. Pat was also flexible in his training philosophies, which permitted a constantly evolving instructional style based on the ever-present changes in the law enforcement k-9 community.

In 1997 the Law Enforcement K-9 Center was established in British Columbia to provide a full range of training services for K-9 units. Upon seeking a new trainer and kennel manager Pat O'Connor was approached due to his excellent reputation and demonstrated skills at the conferences. On accepting Pat moved into the position with great ease elevating the kennel facility and training courses to the same level of excellence that he had demonstrated at the Conferences.

After many years of observing Pat train and instruct K-9 teams I have ever confidence that Pat has the knowledge and ability to produce outstanding K-9 teams for any law enforcement agency that choose to utilize his many talents.

As I'm now retired please do not hesitate to contact me at home at 604-538-0469 in the event you wish to discuss Pat's qualifications further.

Yours truly,

G.S.Ney