



# Dog Capture (Basic Trapping and Recovery of Lost & Missing Canines) (Skills Card)

## At a glance...

### Assessed Customised Provision

Delivery Method:	Theory and Practical
Recognised by:	LANTRA, Premier Wildlife Services, CCUK (Canine Capture UK)
Prerequisites:	Course delegates must have some prior experience in handling of canines.

## Introduction

Under the management and guidance of Dr Kaye Walker (LANTRA approved instructor and Director of Canine Capture UK) and her team, the organisation has achieved the safe capture of some of the most challenging cases ever experienced, not only in the UK, but across the globe.

Dr Walker now wants to help you improve what you do and how you do it for the benefit of lost dogs everywhere. This brand new course is designed to do just that.

## Overview in brief

With anything between 66,000 and 100,000 stray and lost animals currently loose in the UK, it is a growing problem that doesn't seem to be going away. Now more than ever before, the dog rescue industry needs a more focused approach toward lost and stray dog management.

There is a marked deficiency in both theoretical knowledge and associated field skills to recover lost and stray dogs, and sadly that has caused many dogs to lose their lives due to the mishandling of lost dog cases.

This catalyst led to the development of this vital training, delivered by PWS (Premier Wildlife Services) in collaboration with CCUK (Canine Capture UK).

## The finer details

How this course can help you:

1. CCUK is the UK's leading specialist in difficult dog capture and recovery - Having been at the leading edge of Live Animal Capture for over 10 years, CCUK has the skills, knowledge, and



equipment to help bring lost dogs to safety whilst saving you time and money by being able to catch animals quickly, safely, and efficiently.

2. LANTRA Certification - This course is the UK's first recognised training of its kind. It is designed specifically for those in the profession of dog capture, restraint, and handling.

3. Improves operator capabilities, efficiency, and results - The training you receive will significantly improve your decision-making skills, making you safer, more time-efficient and successful.

4. Learn the latest skills and techniques to improve dog capture safety and efficiency - You will learn new techniques and skills and be able to take advantage of the most up-to-date equipment to make you more productive and efficient.

5. Operator and Public safety benefits of this training – Improves operator and public safety by utilising operational strategies to reduce risk at all levels, not least to the dogs that desperately need this support.

6. Ethical, humane capture of severe cases, especially aggressive or fractious dogs – You will learn to implement the most appropriate working protocols to deal with dangerous or fearful animals safely and humanely.

7. Improves public relations between Dog Rescues, Councils and the wider public – Through delivering a more professional service at all levels, the training you will receive will stand up to public scrutiny.

8. You will be able to access specialist services, support, advice through CCUK - After receiving the training, you will have support and access to a range of specialist skills to assist you with extraordinary cases.

9. We deliver training at key locations throughout the UK – However, we can run training on a 1:1 basis at your facilities, although these will be subject to additional costs.

10. You will become part of a National Network of Qualified CSOs (Capture Support Operatives) – The network aims to keep you and others like you informed of changes to techniques, equipment, and CPD opportunities to ensure that you stay at the leading edge of the profession.

## Who should attend?

Dog Wardens, Volunteer Trapping Teams, Police Handlers.

## What will be covered?

The course syllabus includes:

- The Psychology of the Canine – Your roadmap to understanding what dogs do and why.





- Dog behaviour – Particularly in the context of the lost dog capture operation.
- The BIG mistakes made by dog trappers – Highlighting where most people go wrong and how you can avoid the pitfalls.
- Legislation affecting dog trapping – A look at the legal aspects of dog capture, how you can stay on the right side of the law and what can happen when things go wrong.
- Health & Safety – Understanding the importance of H&S concerning dog capture.
- The Science of Trapping - A look at where, how, when, and why we trap dogs in a particular way.
- Trap types - We look at the various trap types, the pros and cons and matching the correct trap for the right circumstances.
- Complex Capture Cases - Dealing with the non-typical situation and at what point to elevate to a higher skill set.
- Post-capture Handling & Care - We study the methods of reducing stress and injury to captured dogs.
- New equipment and techniques - We study what new kit is available and how to use it to make your job easier.
- Using night vision infra red camera equipment and thermal equipment and mapping techniques to aid dog location – You will learn about the effective use of specialist equipment and search strategies.
- Practical trapping - This is where you will gain the critical hands-on experience as you learn the crucial aspects of successful trapping in various environments, both as an individual and as part of a team.

