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# The Art of TRACKING



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*Photos courtesy of Anne Wills*

It's every pet owner's worst nightmare: he or she realizes that their pet has vanished from their home and is outside without food, shelter or love. However, there is an organization that can help pet owners find their pet faster than the utilization of flyers, social media posts and so-called animal psychics. The story about this organization is being told in a new television series called "Trackers," which airs on the National Geographic

When Dogs Finding Dogs, K9 Search and Rescue was first started ten years ago, the owners never dreamed that they would have the successes and the opportunities that the organization has had. Starting out with two tracking dogs, known in the tracking business as K9 Heidi and K9 Lessa, as a way to help people find their missing pets, Dogs Finding Dogs has grown to helping pets nationally and

internationally. Officials at the organization estimate that the group has reunited more than 5,000 missing pets.

"Trackers" is a reality-based cable television show that shows how tracking dogs work, how trackers develop action plans based on what dogs show the trackers, and the concurrent reunions between





"Trackers" premieres on National Geographic Wild on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, at 10/9 central.

owners and pets. Organization officials say they are excited about the potential to reach and educate more pet owners through the exposure that a nationally broadcast television show can offer.

"Trackers" attempts to show the drama of tracking a pet as each story unfolds. Viewers can watch the behavior of the missing pets, the harm they are in. Viewers will see missing animals with severe illnesses and handicaps. And, of course, the show displays the emotional reunions of pet owners and their pets. And viewers will, of course, meet the K9 dogs that work so hard to find the missing pets.

"Trackers" is being partnered on National Geographic Wild with the channel's successful reality show "The Incredible Dr. Pol." The shows share the same producers.

The owner of Dogs Finding Dogs said she "never imagined in my wildest dreams that we would now [be] recognized as the experts in our plight to save the missing pets. This is the icing on the cake. You will fall in love with the K9s, root for the trackers and shed a lot of tears with the reunions."

Alas, and sadly, K9 Heidi and K9 Lessa have now passed away. "My heart breaks that they are not here," says the owner of Dogs Finding Dogs. "Thank you to both of them. We know you are with us always! It's through the both of you that pet owners all over the world can learn how to get their pets home." "Trackers" premieres on National Geographic Wild on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, at 10/9 central. 🐾