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OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HOST POLICE DOG COMPETITION

Western States Police Canine Association Trials To Be Held This Weekend At Network Associates Coliseum

OAKLAND— The Oakland Police Department, in cooperation with SMG Management of the Network Associates Coliseum complex, will host the Western States Police Canine Association (WSPCA) Trials on November 5-6, 2004. Participants will include federal, state, and local law enforcement officers from the western region. The two-day event will involve competitions between teams of police dog handlers and their canine partners. The events include:

- Basic Obedience
- Narcotics and explosives detection
- Agility
- Search and protection

The events are open to the public. Most events of spectator interest will occur on Saturday. According to Officer Marty Hughes, coordinator of the Oakland Police Department's canine program, "The competition is important to the participants and the community because it ensures that the public is getting the highest quality service available from their police canines and the officers that use them."

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On Saturday, November 6, 2004, media representatives are invited to view some of the competition from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The media assembly area will be at D-gate on the north side of the Coliseum's outdoor stadium. A representative from the Oakland Police Department will be present to brief the media and explain the various aspects of the competition as well as common uses for canines in police work.

More information about the WSPCA can be obtained at www.WSPCA.net.

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