

Bosco sniffs out human remains

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Wet towels giving off the scent of a dead body were found on a farm in Stouffville Tuesday.

There was no need to tip off the police. They knew. In fact, the police were thrilled when Bosco, a two-year-old Belgian Malinois, sniffed out the simulated human remains.

Bosco is a search and rescue dog. His specialty is cadavers. Simply put: Bosco finds dead people.

There are three certified cadaver dogs in all of North

America. Two are from Stouffville.

In this week's training exercise, six cadaver smelling towels were placed strategically around the Tenth Line S. farm. Bosco picked up the scent and within minutes found every one.

"Bosco is trained to work at disaster scenes, including plane crashes. He can even find a body that's gone through the ice," said Jerry Cudahy, owner of Gereva Ltd., a dog training business which operates from the local farm.

Bosco's job is to find lost deceased people, including children. "Because Bosco can find the body, it gives the parents

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closure," said Cudahy. "Locating the remains is so important. It helps the family heal."

While Cudahy trains regular dogs to be obedient pets and provides trained dogs for the motion picture industry and for magazine ads, his business turns out certified police dogs, including bomb, drug, street, tracking and now cadaver

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Bosco, the Belgian Malinois, searches for a 'corpse' as his handler Bryan Armstrong of OVERT, Ontario Volunteer Emergency Response Team, (right) and trainer Jerry Cudahy, of Gereva Ltd. Stouffville look on.

Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN



Check out the new Winners

The newest Winners store - located in the Woodside Centre at Woodbine Avenue and Hwy. 7 - opened its doors to the public on April 16. (From L-R) Anna, Angela, Ward 6 Councillor Dave Allison, Suzanne, Bennie and Amy officially opened the 30,000 square foot store.

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