

About the Owners/Trainers

In 1999, Jim and Terri Heck were deeply saddened by the news of an elderly woman who had fallen in the snow and was not found in time to save her life. This loss inspired Jim, a detective, and Terri, a certified veterinary technician, to found Summit Search and Rescue, a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives (www.ssarbloodhounds.org) through the efforts of trained Search and Rescue dog teams. They began training their bloodhound, Boone, for search and rescue work in their community and surrounding areas of South Central Pennsylvania.



News of their hard work generated public support which enabled them to add another bloodhound, Comanche, and have two hound/handler teams available. Since its inception, Summit Search and Rescue has participated in over 100 searches locating the missing and the wanted, as well as aiding in criminal investigations. Each year Boone and Comanche visit schools, libraries, and civic organizations. They also participate in community events promoting mantrailing bloodhounds and safety awareness for all.

Jim and Terri are members of the *American Bloodhound Club* (www.bloodhounds.org), the *Carlisle Dog Club* (www.carlisedogclub.org), *Virginia Bloodhound Search and Rescue* (www.vbsar.org), and the *Colonial Bloodhound Club* (www.colonialbhc.org), where Terri also serves on the Board of Directors.