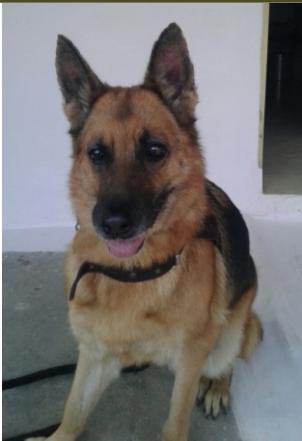




SUPER SNIFFER digest

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TRAFFIC's monthly e-newsletter to celebrate achievements of its wildlife sniffer dogs in India



Name of the dog: Jimmy

Sex: Female

Date of Birth: 21 March 2009

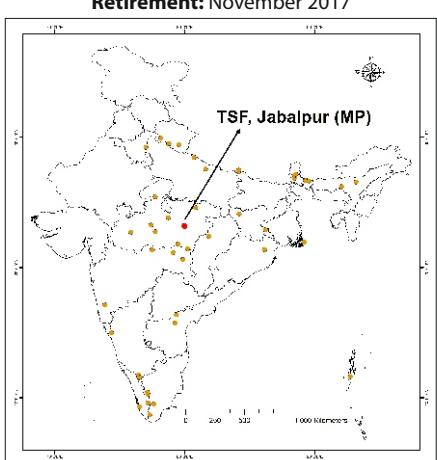
Year of Training: 2010 at Police Dog Training Centre, 23rd Battalion of Special Armed Forces, Bhopal Madhya Pradesh

(2nd batch of TRAFFIC's wildlife sniffer dog training programme in India)

Location of Deployment:

Tiger Strike Force, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
Name of the Handlers: Kailash Charar and Roopdash Khairwar

Retirement: November 2017



Total Number of Super Sniffers: 56

Dog Trivia!

Dogs can hear high pitched sounds, detecting a frequency range of 67 to 45,000 hertz (cycles per second). The human range is from 64 to 23,000 hertz.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JIMMY, ONE OF THE FIRST WILDLIFE SNIFFER DOGS IN INDIA

Jimmy, a calm but exceptionally skilled wildlife sniffer and tracker dog was one of the first dogs trained under TRAFFIC's wildlife sniffer dog programme in India. She retired in November 2017 after a successful seven years of active service with Madhya Pradesh Forest Department.

Jimmy's deep bond with her handlers Kailash Charar and Roopdash Khairwar had been the foundation of her successful career as a wildlife sniffer dog.



Jimmy during her service as wildlife sniffer dog

In the span of seven years of her service, this veteran dog deployed with the "Tiger Strike Force" in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh helped in solving a record 37 wildlife crime cases that included six cases of tiger poaching, five cases of leopard poaching, two cases of bear poaching, four cases of sambhar poaching, five cases of cheetah poaching, seven cases of wild boar poaching, three snake and turtle rescue cases and others.

These cases resulted in the arrest of more than 100 offenders and seizures of several wildlife articles including tiger bones and claws; leopard skins and claws; bear claws; meat and antlers of sambhar and cheetah deer; wild boar meat, teeth and hair; body parts of Blue Bull; meat and skin of Golden Jackal and a langur skull. Apart from seizures of various wildlife parts and derivatives, Jimmy also helped the Forest Department in recovery of several pieces of poaching gear and bird traps.

Before her retirement in 2017, Jimmy cracked her last case of leopard poaching in Katni Wildlife Division. During her active service, Jimmy didn't just earn appreciation for herself but also helped her dedicated handler Kailash Charar earn recognition within Madhya Forest Department for exemplary work in the field of wildlife protection.

Jimmy retired from active duty in November 2017 under the love and care of her handlers till she passed away peacefully in August 2018. She was given an emotional and ceremonial send off by Madhya Pradesh Forest Department.



Retirement ceremony for Jimmy organised by the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department

ABOUT WILDLIFE SNIFFER DOGS TRAINING CENTRES

TRAFFIC has so far collaborated with three training centres for its Super Sniffers since 2008, viz., National Training Centre for Dogs (NTCD), BSF Academy, Tekanpur, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh; 23rd Battalion Special Armed Force Police Dog Training Centre, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh; and National Dog-training Centre at Indo-Tibetan Border Police camp, Panchkula, Haryana. The current batch of TRAFFIC's wildlife sniffer dogs are being trained at BSF's NTCD which is a premiere institute devoted to training dogs and their handlers from various Central Police Organisations, State Police Forces and other law enforcement agencies of India and other Foreign Nations.

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