

Can Dogs Find Bed Bugs

Bed Bugs, if you've picked up a newspaper, watched the news, or searched the internet, you know about bed bugs. Bed Bugs, tiny little critters that feast on our legs, arms, head, other body parts while we sleep. They are very nasty, and never go away until properly exterminated.

Most of the time we don't know we have them until we see the bites, or happen to see one in our bed or on our furniture. Where do they go, how long have I had them, do they carry diseases? Most importantly, how do I get rid of them? Step one is to usually call an exterminator. A good exterminator will have a certified bed bug detection dog such as K-9 "Nordi" of Bed Bug Detection Service LLC.

Can any dog be trained to find bed bugs? No. People are made up of personalities, dogs are made up of behaviors. A good detection dog has a high hunt behavior. A dog that will pass up food to search or its reward is a good indication of high hunt drive. Another behavior that needs to be present is a toy or reward behavior. Why is the dog working? For his toy or reward!!!!

It is very common to find bed bug detection dogs that are food reward. Food reward dogs are usually dogs with a low hunt drive. They work only because that's the only time they get to eat. Anybody will work for food, if that's all we get!!!!!! Food reward dogs have a high probability of false alerting, alerting when no bugs are present. They alert simply because they are hungry.

Any detection dog can false alert for any reason. Are dogs 100 % accurate? No, nothing is one hundred percent accurate. Dogs, exterminators, homeowners, or companies that make product to kill bed bugs. Any K-9 handler who tells you his dog is always 100 percent, is wrong. Stay away from handlers like this. There are so many variables in play that could affect the dog's performance.

Do I have a better chance of finding bed bugs using a dog? Yes!!!! If handled properly, and if you have the right dog. The two main reasons are: the dog can correctly identify the presence of bed bugs, and the dog can tell you where they are in your home. You may have multiple locations or infestations.

We at K-9 Bed Bug Detection Service LLC only locates bed bugs, we do not exterminate them. We leave that to the experts. We feel that locating bed bugs and exterminating them is a conflict of interest and could lead to a mistrust of the findings of the dog. We simply, at the end of the search, will tell you, yes you do and here is where they are, or no, no bed bugs present. If you want help finding an exterminator we will help, if asked, otherwise we leave that up to you. We have no vested interest in you calling an exterminator.

If you have any further questions you can call Tina or Scott at 608-882-1508.