

Harry, Chocolate Labrador Handler: Russell Tao, CA TF5 FEMA Certified Type I, December 2003

Born in September 2000, Harry was originally intended to work for Guide Dogs of America. Fortunately for me, he wasn't suited for guide work and was donated to the NDSDF. Harry and I became partners in October 2001. We worked and played hard together and certified to FEMA Type I in December 2003. Together we searched the Commerce, CA train derailment in June of 2003, the Old Waterman Canyon Mudslide in December of 2003 and the La Conchita Landslide in January 2005. Sadly, Harry died suddenly on January 19, 2005, just six days after working at La Conchita. He was a great friend and partner.