

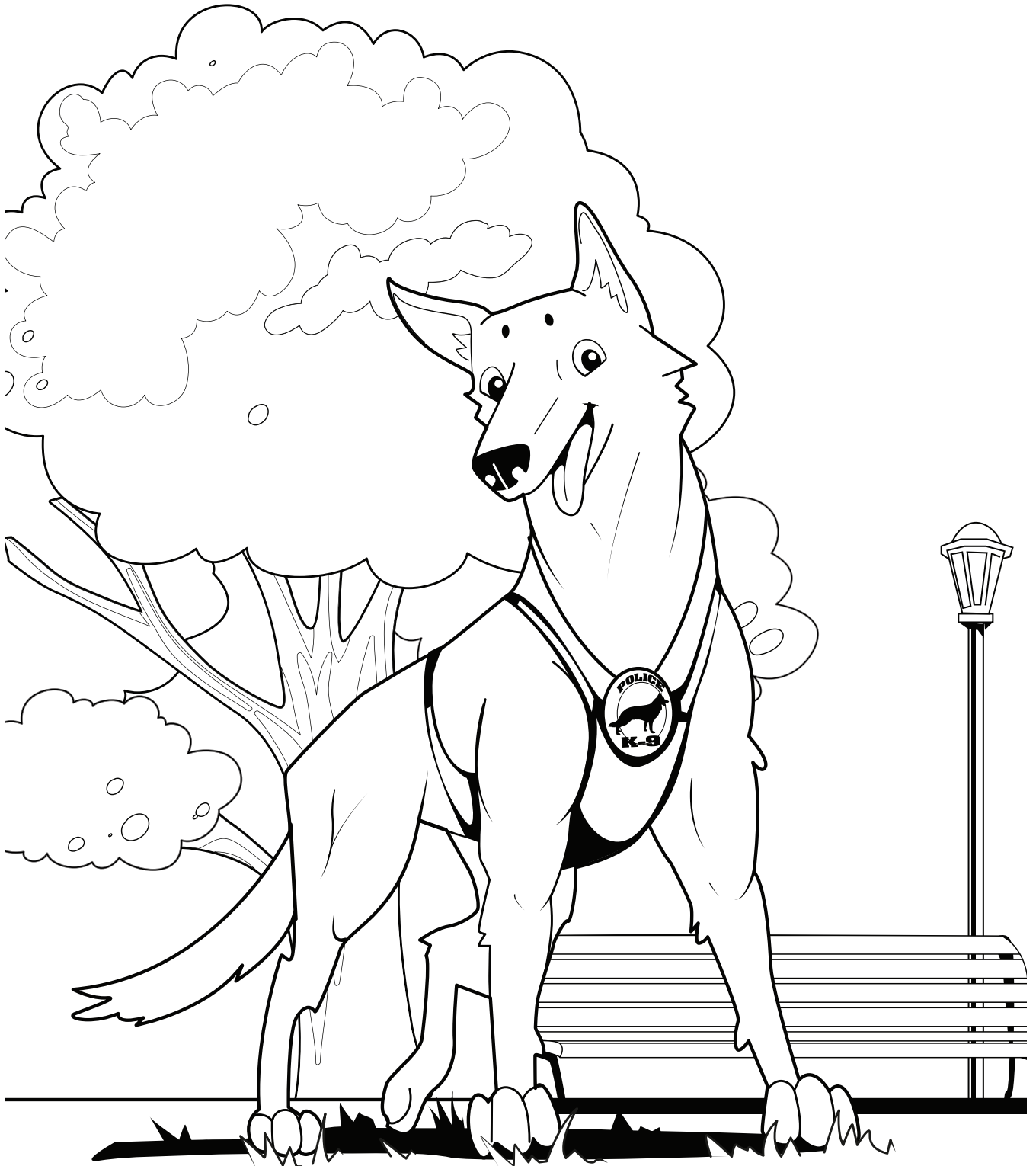
# K-9 HERO -IN-TRAINING



---

This book belongs to

**Hi! My name is Ruff. I know it's silly, but it *is* what I sound like when I bark.**



**I'm a working dog. Well, I'm in training to be a working dog - a special kind, a K9 Police Dog!**

**It's pretty fun! Most days I'm learning from the older dogs. They do all sorts of interesting jobs.**



**They search suitcases at airports, for drugs  
or for bombs.**



**Their noses are so good, they can even go in  
search of missing people. They help out a lot  
when kids get lost.**

**Police dogs have to be very smart to understand all the commands of their handler. They need to be calm enough to work in all kinds of emergencies too.**

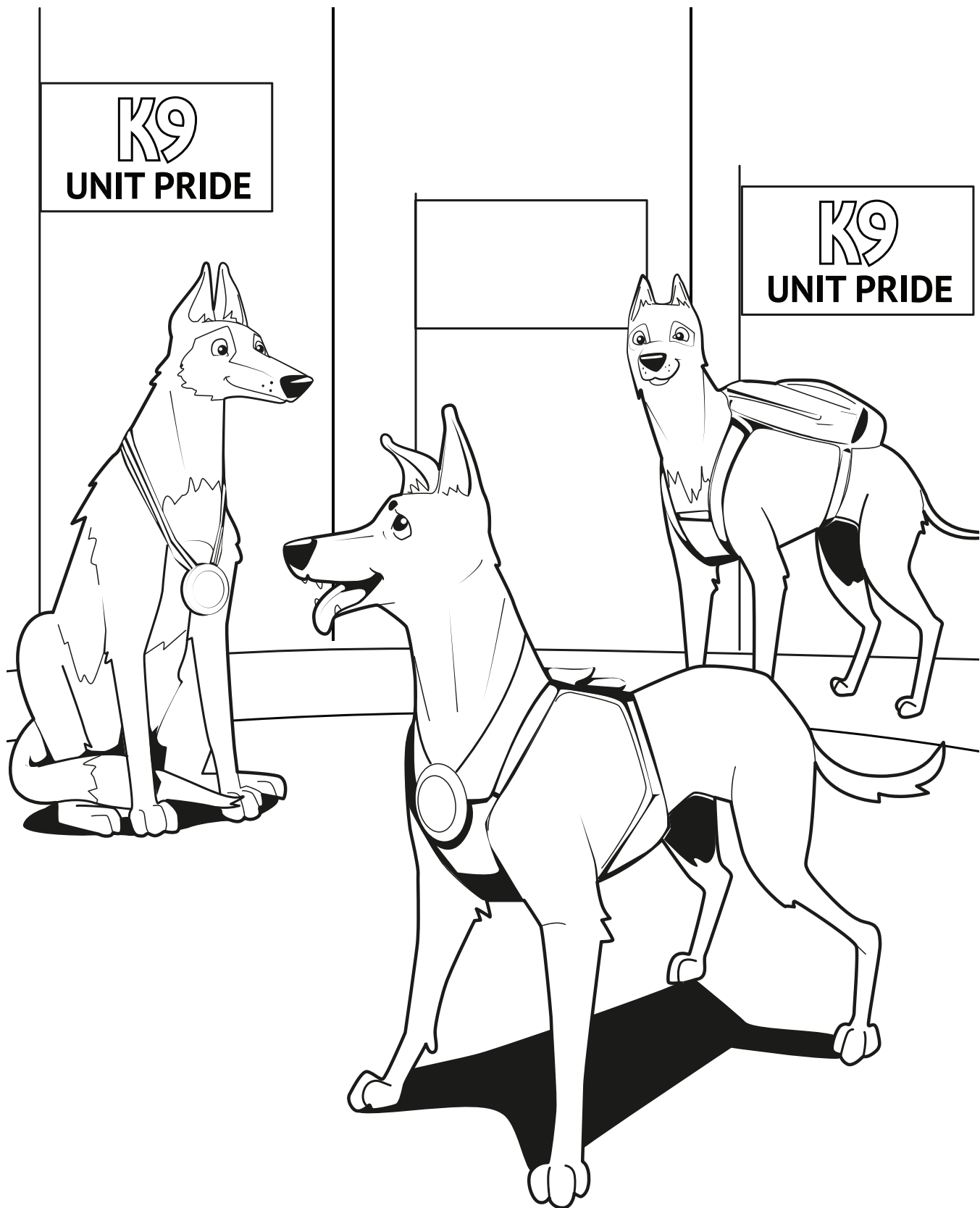


The nose of a police dog might just be the most important part. They need to be able to track suspicious smells among tons of other smells.

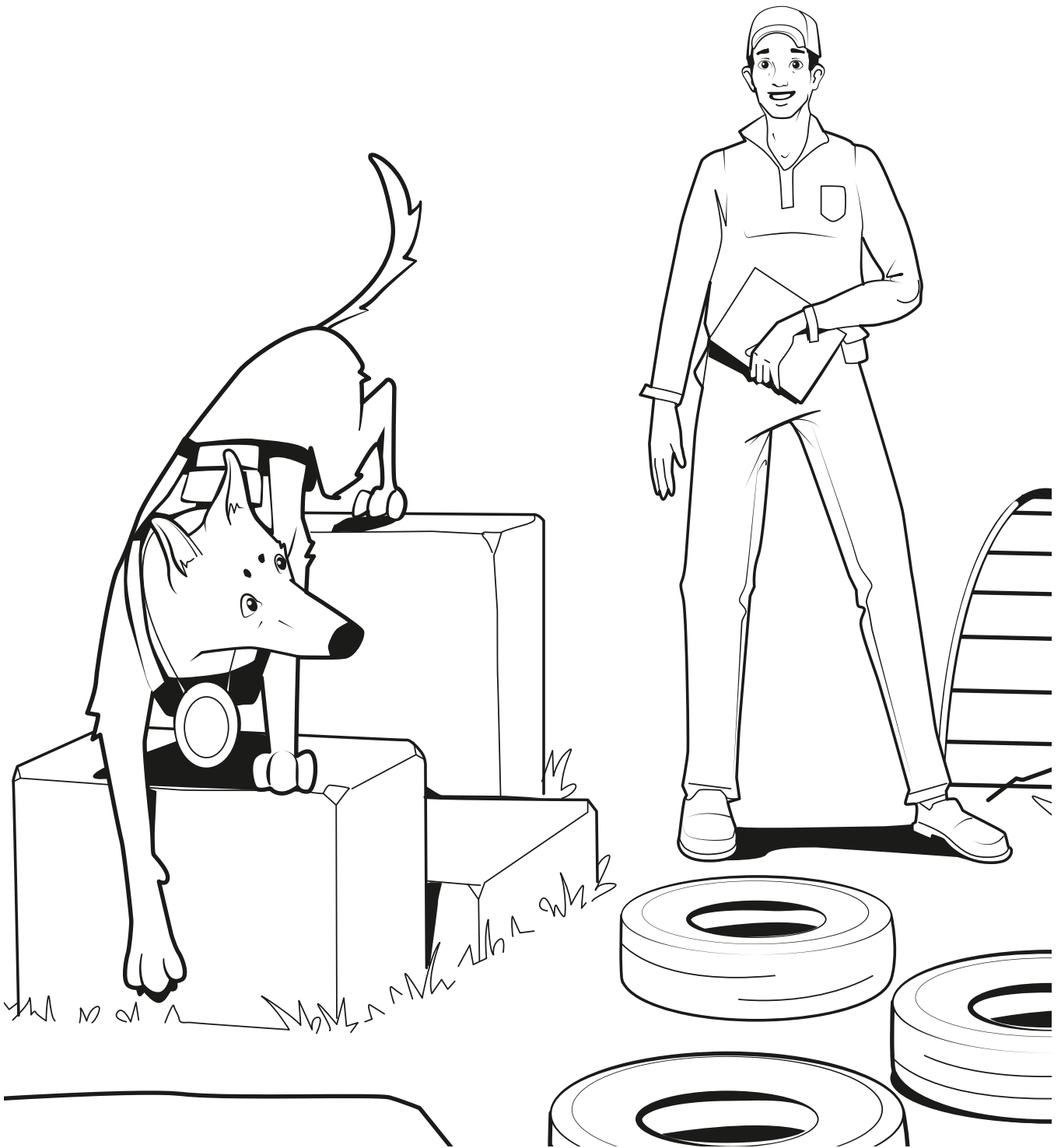
Look at mine - it's **FANTASTIC!**



**It takes a very special dog to become a K-9! I hope I can be as good as my friends someday.**



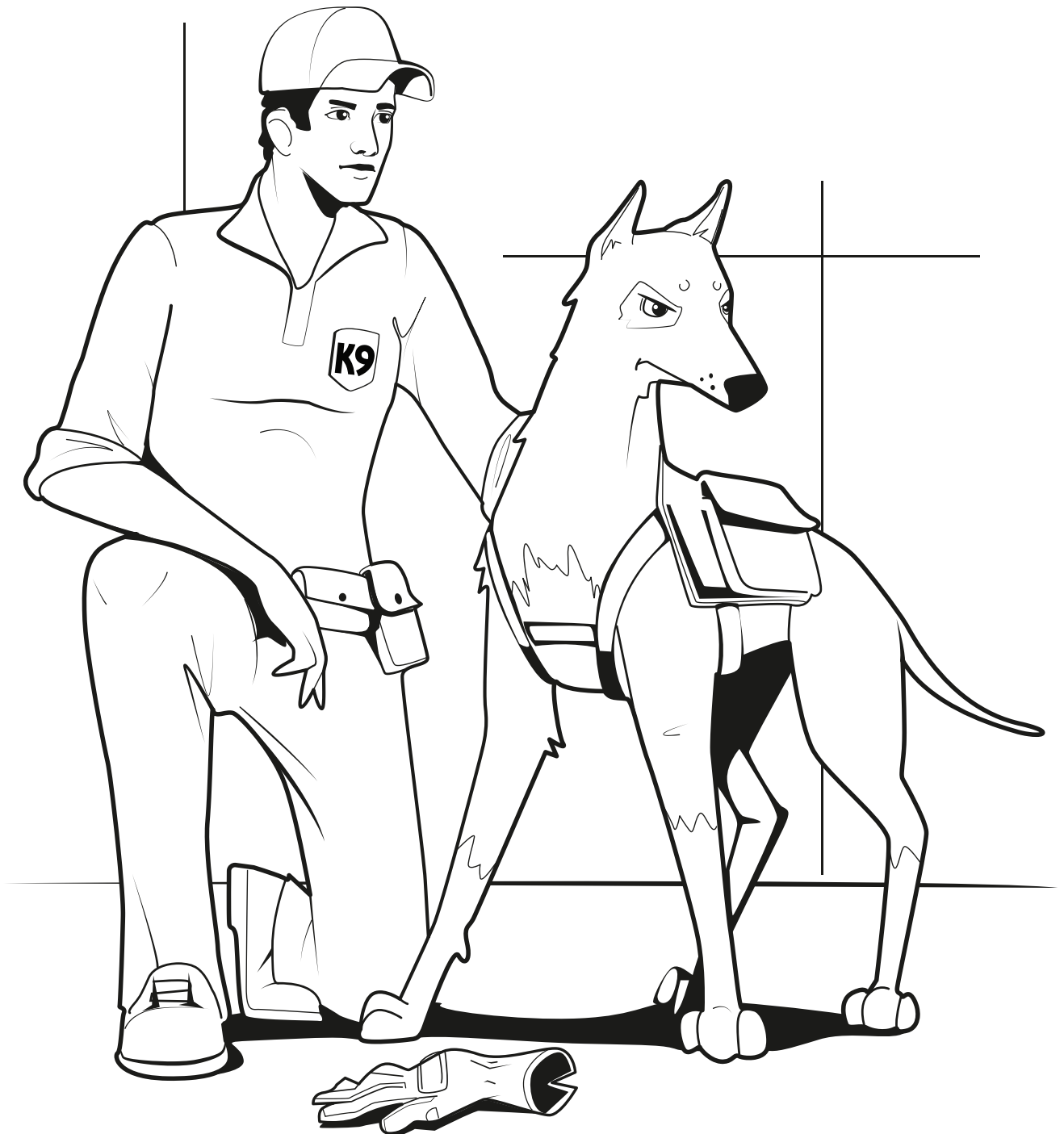
**I've just started to work with my own handler, Luke. He is very good with me. When I'm at work he is very serious.**



**He pets me and plays when I'm off the leash, but never, ever, when I'm at work.**



**Luke has an older dog that he has worked with for many years. This is Sam - he's a pro!**



**I watched him smell an old woman's glove and track her scent all the way through the woods. She had gotten lost on a hike, and Sam found her!**

**Today Luke, Sam and I are going to an event called National Night Out in our city. There are cookouts in lots of neighborhoods around here, and the K-9s are invited!**



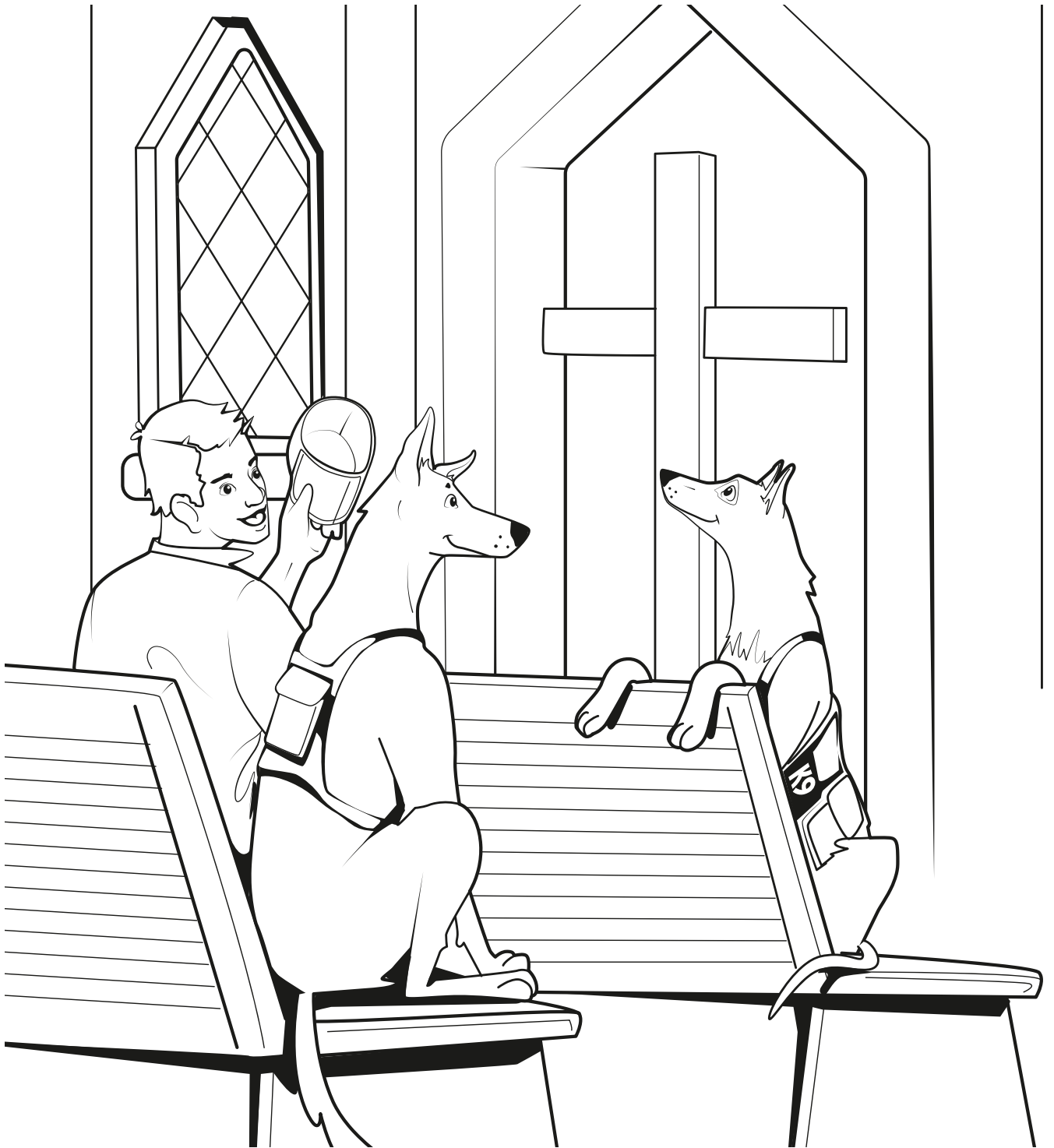
**The delicious smells are hard to ignore. (I even saw Sam get fed a hotdog by the Police Chief!)**

**Sam and I love to get out and see all the families we help in our city.**



**Sometimes people are afraid of us because of the tough-guy look that we have. Getting to know each other makes everyone less afraid.**

**We even got to go to a library, and a church hall. It was a really fun night!**



**We met a lot of people and were getting LOTS of love. It is fun to be out in the city with neighbors like this.**

**I'm learning how important my job is every day.  
I want to keep all the people in my community  
as safe as I can by being a great K9!**

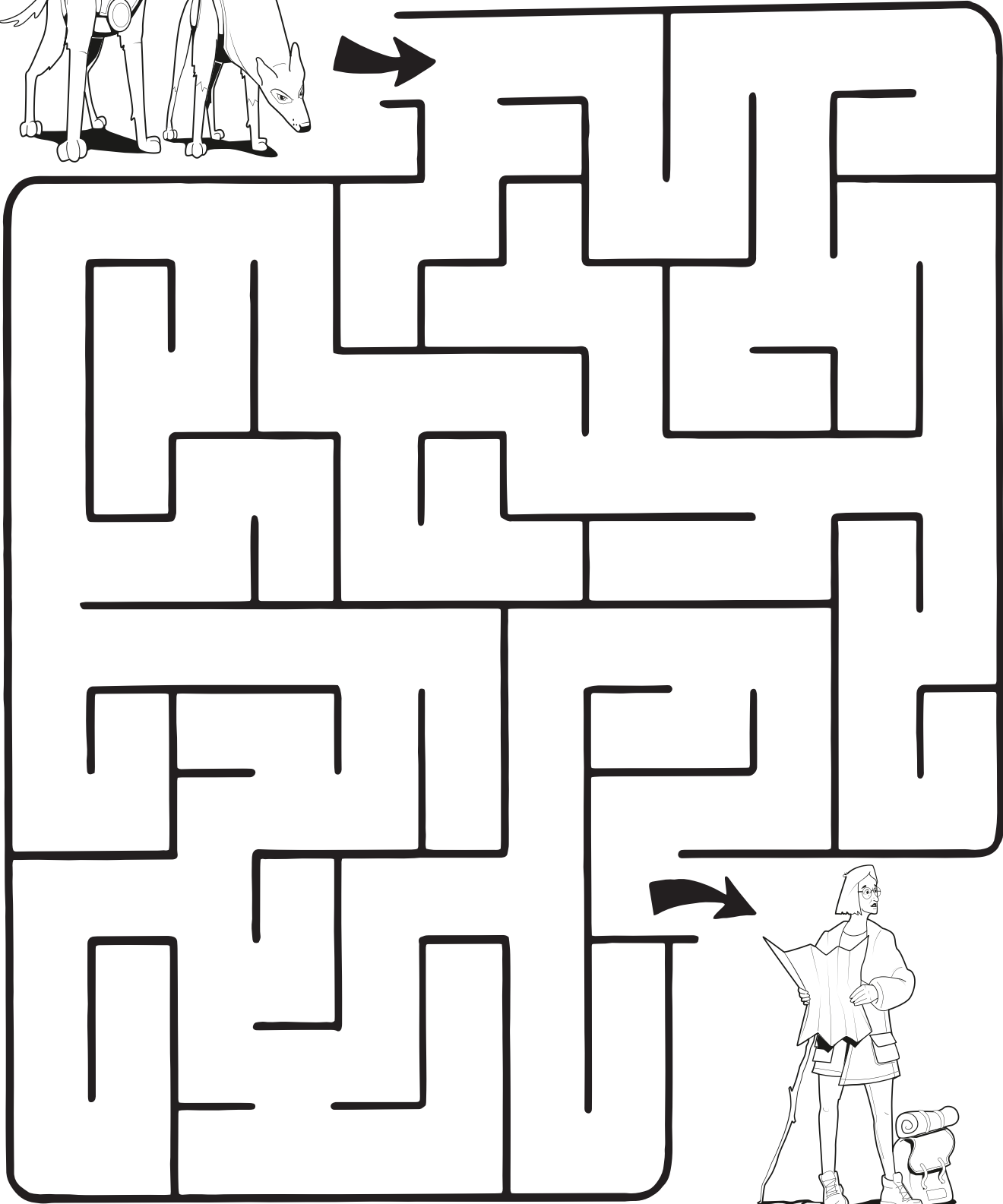
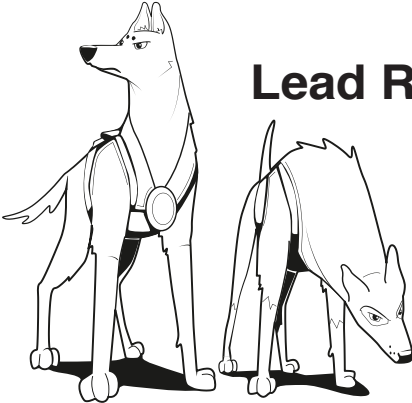




**All of us K9s and our officers are here to keep you safe! Remember, if you see something - say something!**

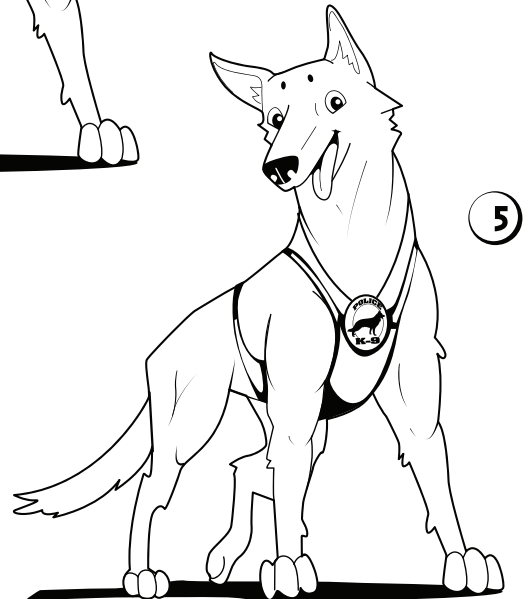
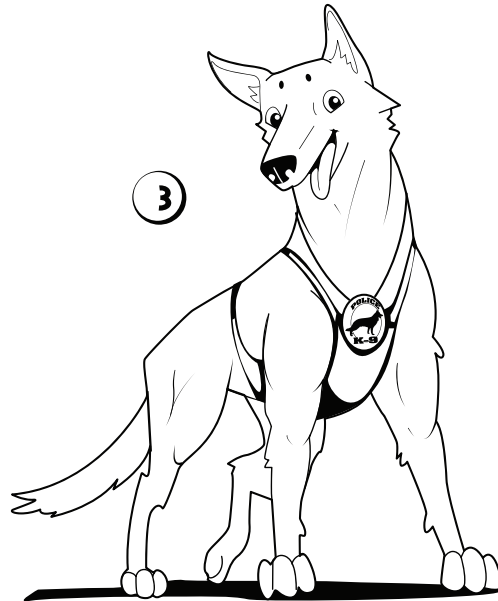
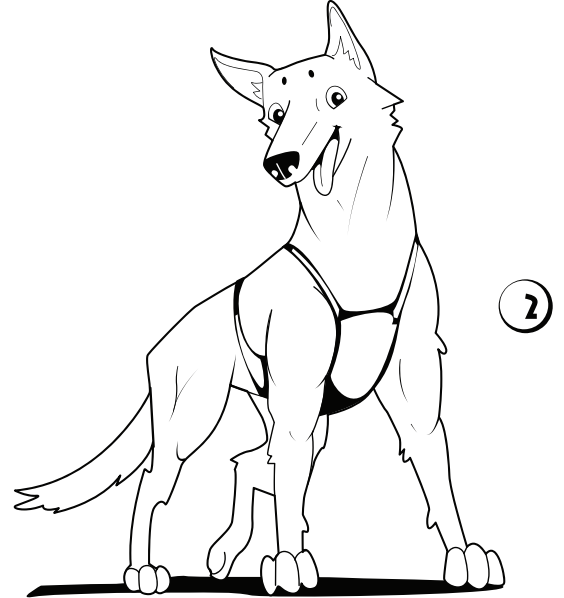
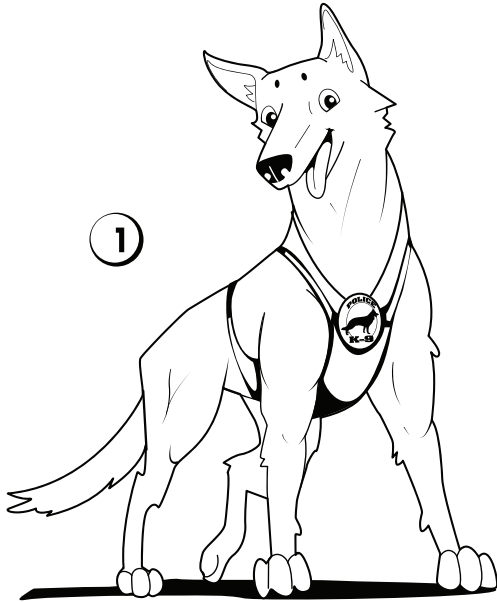
# A-MAZE-ING

Lead Ruff and Sam to the missing hiker.



# Spot the difference!

Circle the Ruff that's different from the rest.



ANSWER: 2