

## Eugene, Oregon locals look at Belgium Malinois for rescue dogs in Haiti

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Having dogs for pets allow us so much companionship. When Eugene, Oregonians adopt a rescue dog that will not be staying for a long time, the benefits are great, none the less. Not only do the town volunteers get to work toward the rescue efforts in financial donations but they teach certain breeds to perform duties that are needed for the work in Haiti. Belgium Malinois dogs have great promise for use as a rescue dog because of their specific characteristics.

Awarded recognition at the December 2009 Championship Dog Show in California, the Belgium Malinois revealed the valued traits of this breed. During that show, this stately canine performed letting all spectators know this could be a dog for work in rescue efforts. Long before Haiti needed canine assistance, this breed had been looked at for therapy work by many.

A young Belgium Malinois is bred mainly for herding in a class of sheepdogs. Herding dogs either are directed to nudge with their nose, nip at the cattle or use their entire body

to get their assigned task accomplished. This is an independent thinking canine that when successfully trained performs with little or no supervision. The distinct muscular mass is observed in the strong legs and agile body.

Weight ranges from 55 to 65 pounds and 22 to 26 inches tall for this dog. These stats tell us this is an eye catcher in the conformation ring, however more importantly is the intelligence and ability to be used in the line of duty. Many police departments and military services use this breed because of the valuable qualities they possess.

Belgium Malinois dogs do not have aggressive traits and do very well with responsibility expectations from a firm, confident trainer or handler.

Consider contacting Greenhill Humane society in Eugene, Oregon for adoption and training directives about rescue dogs for Haiti. Contact information is: <http://www.greenhill.org> 88530 Green Hill Road Eugene, OR. 97402 Phone: 541-689-1503 They can put you in touch with a training organization after you acquire the pet from them.