



WDFW'S KARELIAN BEAR DOG PROGRAM

Helping People & Helping Wildlife



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RESEARCH

KBD's help capture bear & cougar so they can be radiocollared and monitored, which provides crucial information for WDFW management programs.



Washington's Karelian Bear Dog Team

MISHKA
(Born March 2003)



CASH
(Born February 2006)



SAVUTE
(Born November 2008)



COLTER
(Born November 2008)



SPENCER
(Born November 2011)



INDY
(Born November 2011)



The KBD Program is 100% supported by private donations; public funds are not used in any way. With your help we continue this work in Washington.
 To support WDFW's KBD Program, please send your donation to:
 WDFW's KBD Fund, ATTN: Captain Bill Hebner, 16018 Mill Creek Blvd, Mill Creek, WA 98012-1296
 Or visit: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/enforcement/kbd/index.html>

EDUCATION

Education is key to preventing conflict with wildlife. Because of their human socialization from birth and widespread public support, KBD's are a highly effective education component and message retention is high. People love these dogs!



ORPHANED & INJURED WILDLIFE

Animals can get injured or orphaned from a variety of causes. When it results in a public safety concern, or young animals unable to survive left behind, whenever possible KBD's are used to track & capture these animals so they can get needed attention.



HUMAN CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Sometimes there is conflict between people and wildlife. Much of this conflict is the result of intentional (hand-feeding wildlife) and unintentional (garbage, bird seed, pet food) food rewards. KBD's help WDFW with capture, safe releases, and aversive conditioning.

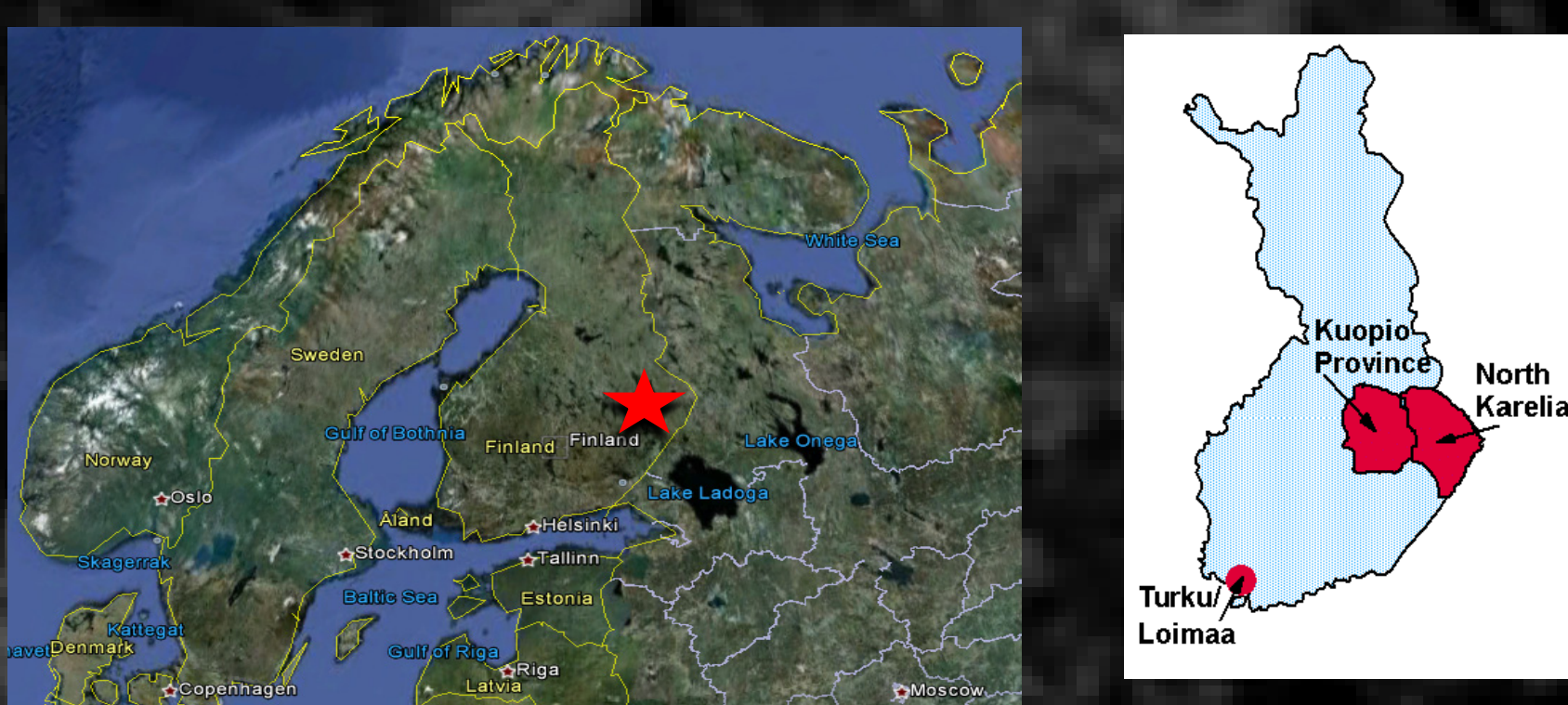


THE LIST IS ENDLESS....

In Washington, KBD handlers have found that there is literally no end to the ways KBD's can help WDFW and KBD's have been used for numerous "outside the box" tasks. These include hazing bighorn sheep and moose off of roads and out of neighborhoods (on leash), finding carcasses and other evidence for wildlife investigations (one of which was a poached wolf), and providing safety to handlers who almost always work alone in the backcountry.

All Washington's KBD's are proud members of Wind River Bear Institute's "partners in-life" program. www.beardogs.org

Karelian Bear Dogs originate from the Karelia region of Finland



PUBLIC SUPPORT & INTEREST

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