

CATC October Meeting Special Attraction!



K9 Obedience & Protection Demo

My name is Eric Gonzales, and I'm the owner of Tactical K9s Dog Training in Tracy, California.

Dogs have been part of my life for as long as I can remember. My dad raised dogs, and I grew up around them. Before becoming a trainer, I worked part-time in juvenile probation, traveled across the United States as a fugitive recovery agent bringing wanted people back into custody, and worked in Special Events Patrol at Stanford University.

After I was diagnosed with PTSD, I found my way back to something that had always been part of my life: dogs. I interned with a dog training company, then started my own training program. Today, I run Tactical K9s from our facility in Tracy.

I own six dogs. One of them is Menace, a Belgian Malinois–Dutch Shepherd mix who travels with me for demonstrations. He's trained in obedience and protection work, and his athletic ability is something to see. He can clear a six-foot fence and even jump into trees during bite work.

My experience shaped the way I approach training, but my lifelong connection with dogs is what led me here. I'm proud to have built a place where I get to work with them every day.

October 10, 2026, after the CATC meeting @ 1:30PM

Dublin Heritage Park & Museum, 11847 Dublin Ave., Dublin, CA