Heroic German Shepherds and Their Stories

Bruno

1995
Brooklyn, Newfoundland. Bruno, a nine-month-old German Shepherd Dog saved the life of eleven-year-old Donnie Skiffington when he was thrown from his bicycle into a ditch, where he lay unconscious and bleeding severely. Bruno licked Donnie's face until he regained consciousness, and began to pull him by the shirt collar towards home.

Nellie

1994
Vienna, Ontario. Nellie, a six-year-old German Shepherd traveled three kilometers back to her home to get help for 78-year-old Ken Emerson, who lay injured after his tractor had overturned and crushed his pelvis. When Nellie returned home, Mrs. Emerson realized that the strip of her husband's shirt wrapped around Nellie's collar was an S.O.S. message, and immediately sent for help.

Sam

1994
Mississauga, Ontario. Sam, an eight-year-old German Shepherd Dog saved her owner, Phyllis McLeod, from drowning when she fell through a frozen river. As Phyllis fought the swift current, she grabbed Sam's collar and hung on until she was pulled far enough out of the water to scramble to safety.

Hustler

1992
Mirror, Alberta. Hustler, a three-year-old German Shepherd Dog is credited with saving the life of his owner, Debbie Inions. After a fall from her horse left Debbie seriously injured and unable to move, Hustler repeatedly fought against vicious attacks by two preying coyotes until they were discovered nine hours later.

Maude

1983
Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Maude, a German Shepherd, Dog owned by Deborah Johnston and Bernard Chisholm, saved a three-year-old girl from drowning in the frigid waters of Pictou Harbour. Gripping the child's overalls in her teeth, Maude pulled the child out of the deep water.

Lance

1981
Kitchener, Ontario. Lance, a German Shepherd Dog police dog with the Ontario Provincial Police, tracked a missing Kitchener woman in a swampy conservation area for three hours, and led her safely through the dark woods to safety.

Mr. Baggins

1976
Revelstoke, British Columbia. Mr. Baggins, a female German Shepherd with absolutely no tracking experience, tracked and located a six-year-old boy who had been missing for hours after having been buried under a snow-bank.

Thunder

1996
Following a robbery suspect across a frozen river, the ice gave way and Deputy Stanley Wontor slipped backwards under the ice. He called out "pull" (a command Thunder, a police dog, had not been trained to use) and Thunder pulled him out of the freezing waters to safety