

## **Anke Boysen**

My name is Anke Boysen and I was born and grown up in Munich/Germany. I am a specialist nurse for intensive care and anesthesia, paramedic and occupational health assistant by profession. I have been a **search and rescue dog handler** for the last 18 years and a **trainer for SAR Dogs** the last 13 years with a Munich-based search and rescue dog team, covering the disciplines of area search, rubble search and man trailing. In 2006 I took on my present role as an **examiner for search and rescue dogs** and also conduct **character tests** here.

Indigo – a male Louisiana Catahoula leopard dog – lived with us for 10 years now. I have trained him as a certified Search and Rescue Dog in rubble and area search. Also his son Aquim is with me since 5 years. He is also a SAR Dog. We belong to a USAR overseas disaster response unit.

I attended at many Catahoula gatherings since 2006 as participant and trainer and met various representatives of this breed. We were responsible for organizing the first Catahoula convention in Germany, in which I was actively involved as a man trailing and scent work trainer, as well as being involved in character tests. I have also assisted with and gained experience in puppy homing. In April 2011 I attended the major NALC Catahoula show in Louisiana/USA (featuring over 200 Catahoulas), where I gained a lot of knowledge and experience. I have conducted detailed research into the American roots of this breed.

I am passionate about promoting a better understanding of this unusual breed. It is important to me that Catahoulas should only be homed with suitable, experienced owners. I would like to do my bit to make sure the Louisiana Catahoula remains as it is - a physically and mentally resilient working dog with a strong, loyal character, robust health and excellent working abilities.

### **Qualifications and seminars:**

- Search and Rescue Dog handler
- Search and Rescue Dog trainer
- SAR Dog examiner and character test examiner
- Tracking seminar/Uda Voßberg
- Group behavior, aggression and play behavior of wolf and dog/Günther Bloch
- Leadership and leadership claiming /Dr. Udo Gansloßer und Chima Anyanwu
- Target-Object search/Corinn Anyanwu
- Analysis of dogs behavior/Thomas and Ina Baumann