

EDD 455 STORM



EDD Storm in his winter kit, and its snowing. Afghanistan 2009.
Image courtesy of John Cannon, 2009.

Storm was recruited in 2007 and was estimated to be about 18 months old when he was enlisted. John Cannon trained Storm at SME between July and December 2007 and they became an operational team. John and Storm were posted to 1 CER in Darwin in January 2008. In September 2008, John and Storm were deployed to Afghanistan operating out of TK with Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force 1 (MRTF 1). This deployment went for nine months until June 2009 when they RTA. Storm went through AQIS quarantine at Eastern Creek and returned to John at 1 CER. They continued to train together and deployed again to Afghanistan, as a team, in September 2010 until June 2011 with Mentoring Task Force 2 (MTF 2). In January 2012, John was promoted to Sergeant and his job did not require him to handle a dog. In January 2012, Storm was posted to SME to reteam with a new EDD handler during the Basic Dog Handling Course. Storm is described by John as a "natural". He loves his work, he is not gun shy and enjoys the company of soldiers. Storm continues to serve at SME in 2012 and will more than likely redeploy later in the year with a new handler.