

Poor Dogs

During WWII, why did German soldiers have to shoot the dogs they had carefully trained?

Clues

They had trained the dogs with the intention of inflicting harm on enemies.

The dogs did exactly what they had been trained to do.

Solution

During WWII, German soldiers trained dogs to carry explosive charges under tanks and then wait there until the charge exploded, destroying dog and tank. They then released the dogs near Russian tank positions. Unfortunately for the Germans, Russian tanks did not smell at all like German tanks on which the dogs had been trained, so the dogs hunted around until they found German tanks to sit under. Consequently, they had to be shot and the whole sorry scheme abandoned.