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CSCDOG005 Train detector dogs

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Modification History

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1	This unit was released in CSC Correctional Services Training Package release 1.0 and meet the Standards for Training Packages. This unit supersedes and is equivalent to CSCDH405A Train detector dogs.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to train dogs, maintain dog proficiency and deploy dogs in an operational environment. It outlines the skills required to record and report on the proficiency of detector dogs.

This unit applies to those working with and training detector dogs. The unit may be customised, particularly regarding the context in which dogs work.

The skills and knowledge described in this unit must be applied within the legislative, regulatory and policy environment in which they are carried out. Organisational policies and procedures must be consulted and adhered to, particularly those related to dog training methods and preservation of crime scenes and evidence.

A person undertaking this unit would usually work autonomously using support from mostly familiar resources but may also work in small teams. The role requires complex task organisation and application of moderate analytical skills.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Competency Field

Dog handling

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
Elements describe the essential outcomes	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the range of conditions section.
1. Identify the role of the detector	1.1 Identify the role of the detector dog in the organisation.

dog	
2. Train and maintain skills proficiency in detector dogs	2.1 Identify factors that affect the training and proficiency maintenance of detector dogs. 2.2 Use approved training methods. 2.3 Determine positive indicators of a target odour through repetitive exposure and positive reinforcement. 2.4 Monitor and interpret the outcomes of training and operational deployment, applying appropriate remedial exercises that maintain the validity of the detection. 2.5 Assess the training of the dog regularly against the guidelines of the organisation.
3. Conduct an operational deployment of a detector dog	3.1 Deploy the detector dog to detect target odours in a range of areas and situations determined by organisational need. 3.2 Deploy the detector dog according to organisational guidelines and workplace health and safety policies. 3.3 Identify external factors that limit the capabilities of the detector dog to function efficiently. 3.4 Interpret the behaviour and responses of the detector dog and take action as determined by the organisation. 3.5 Interact with the detector dog to maintain an effective level of working behaviour. 3.6 Follow organisational guidelines on the preservation of evidence and maintenance of the integrity of a crime scene/detection situation.

Foundation Skills

The foundation skills demands of this unit have been mapped for alignment with the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF). The following tables outline the performance levels indicated for successful attainment of the unit.

ACSF levels indicative of performance:

1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Learning N/A					Reading					Writing					Oral communication					Numeracy N/A				

Performance variables

1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Support					Context					Text complexity					Task complexity				

Further information on ACSF and the foundation skills underpinning this unit can be found in the [Foundation Skills Guide](#) <http://www.govskills.com.au/guides/correctional-services/foundation-skills-guide> on the GSA website.

Unit Mapping Information

Supersedes and is equivalent to CSCDH405A Train detector dogs.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -
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Assessment Requirements for CSCDOG005 Train detector dogs

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*Please refer to the
advice in the CSC
Assessment Guide.*

Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence must satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria. If not otherwise specified the candidate must demonstrate evidence of performance of the following on at least one occasion.

- working independently and in teams to train and develop the capabilities of detector dogs
- assessing dogs to determine readiness to extend the range of odours they are capable of detecting
- collecting, analysing and organising information to produce records and reports required by the organisation, work unit standards and animal welfare authorities
- using humane methods of training dogs
- working effectively with detector dogs in environments determined by the organisation

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence must satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria. If not otherwise specified the depth of knowledge demonstrated must be appropriate to the job context of the candidate.

- role of detection dogs within the organisation
- animal health and welfare requirements and regulations affecting working dogs
- conditioning principles and appropriate methods of rewarding specific detector dogs for exhibiting required behaviour
- humane and positive training methods that reinforce natural behaviour and maintain the working skills and enthusiasm of detector dogs
- items and their associated odours that a detector dog could be required to detect in its working role within the organisation
- methods of assessing when dogs are ready to extend the range of odours they are able to detect
- positive and negative indicators shown by detector dogs when detecting (or not detecting) specific odours
- records and reports required by legislative authorities, the organisation, work unit and animal welfare authorities

Assessment Conditions

Evidence for assessment must be gathered over time in a range of contexts to ensure the person can achieve the unit outcome and apply the competency in different situations or environments.

Valid assessment of this unit requires a workplace environment or one that closely resembles normal work practice and replicates the range of conditions likely to be encountered while training detector dogs, including coping with difficulties, irregularities and changes to routine. This unit contains knowledge which may be assessed off the job, for example, in a structured learning process.

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

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