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# **CSCDOG012 Prepare stimulus aids for use with dogs**

**Release: 1**

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## Modification History

Release 1. This is the first release of this unit of competency in the CSC Correctional Services Training Package Release 3.0

## Application

This unit involves the skills and knowledge required to prepare stimulus aids for use with dogs.

It includes the skills required for preventing cross-contamination of stimulus aid materials and reporting on use of stimulus aids.

This unit applies to those responsible for preparing dog training aids. A person undertaking this unit would usually work autonomously using support from mostly familiar resources. The role requires complex task organisation and analytical skills to prepare stimulus aids for use with dogs.

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, procedures and guidelines must be consulted and adhered to.

Statutory/legislative requirements apply to this unit and may vary across states and territories. Users are required to check with the relevant jurisdiction for current requirements.

## Pre-requisite Unit

Not applicable.

## Competency Field

Dog handling

## Unit Sector

Not applicable.

## Elements and Performance Criteria

### ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

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| <b>1 Identify and procure appropriate materials to use for making stimulus aids</b> | <b>1.1</b> Identify the types of odours that can be used for training and working dogs                                                          |
|                                                                                     | <b>1.2</b> Source suitable resources to prepare stimulus aids                                                                                   |
|                                                                                     | <b>1.3</b> Ensure that the target odour is capable of producing detectable scents                                                               |
|                                                                                     | <b>1.4</b> Ensure stimulus aids are procured and stored                                                                                         |
| <b>2 Prepare stimulus aids</b>                                                      | <b>2.1</b> Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) at all times when preparing stimulus aids                                       |
|                                                                                     | <b>2.2</b> Use methods of preparing stimulus aids that prevent cross-contamination of odours                                                    |
|                                                                                     | <b>2.3</b> Vary amounts of target odour according to the capability of the dog and the situation or purpose of the training exercise            |
|                                                                                     | <b>2.4</b> Identify environmental and operational factors that may affect the preparation and use of stimulus aids to determine appropriate use |
| <b>3 Pack up stimulus aids</b>                                                      | <b>3.1</b> Ensure all stimulus aids are accounted for and report deficiencies                                                                   |
|                                                                                     | <b>3.2</b> Break down all reusable materials used in the construction of stimulus aids                                                          |
|                                                                                     | <b>3.3</b> Clean all materials and surfaces used for the preparation of stimulus aids                                                           |
|                                                                                     | <b>3.4</b> Securely store materials for re-use away from sources of cross-contamination                                                         |
|                                                                                     | <b>3.5</b> Complete records of materials used to prepare stimulus aids                                                                          |

## Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

## Range of Conditions

Range is restricted to essential operating conditions and any other variables essential to the work environment.

Non-essential conditions may be found in the Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

## Unit Mapping Information

This unit replaces and is equivalent to CSCDOG003 Prepare stimulus aids for use with dogs.

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=114e25cd-3a2c-4490-baae-47d68dcd2fde>

# Assessment Requirements for CSCDOG012 Prepare stimulus aids for use with dogs

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## Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria on at least five occasions and include:

- preparing stimulus aids for safe use in training dogs in a variety of environments
- completing training documentation and logs in accordance with legislation, and organisational policy, procedures and guidelines
- following organisational requirements to request and handle restricted training aids.

## Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria and include knowledge of:

- legislation, regulations and organisational policies, procedures and guidelines related to:
  - use of dogs within the organisation
  - acquisition and security of restricted materials
  - unauthorised and illegal materials and evidence handling
  - records and reports required by the organisation in relation to odour detection dog training
  - use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- dog-training methodologies and practices related to odour detection
  - capabilities and limitations of the teams working within the organisation
  - work environment in which dogs could be deployed and emergencies that could arise within those environments to inform selection of odours
  - conditioning principles and appropriate methods of rewarding dogs for exhibiting required behaviour
  - items and their associated odours that a 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 dogs when detecting (or not detecting) specific odours
  - emergency response and evacuation procedures to maintain security
  - duty of care to all involved

- limits of own authority
- Workplace/Occupational Health and Safety (WHS/OHS) relevant to the job task
- approved communication terminology, call signs and radio channels used by emergency personnel
- how to apply the hierarchy of control and use of force to control hazards and minimise risk
- location of emergency equipment in the workplace
- procedures for communicating and collaborating with responding officers and other services
- process of dynamic risk assessment and how it is applied.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must occur in a custodial environment.

Assessors must hold credentials specified within the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

Assessment must satisfy the Principles of Assessment and Rules of Evidence and all regulatory requirements included within the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

Assessment processes and techniques must be appropriate to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements of the work being performed and the needs of the candidate.

Resources for assessment must include access to:

- real dogs
- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or simulations
- acceptable means of simulation assessment
- applicable documentation, including workplace procedures, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals
- relevant materials, tools, equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE) currently used in industry.

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