
Overview

This standard is about managing the performance of dogs for their role in custodial organisations.

It includes maintaining performance of dogs once in role. This standard covers all aspects of managing the working life of dogs in custodial environments.

**Performance
criteria**

- You must be able to:
- P1 develop your own and dogs' performance through training exercises in accordance with your organisation's procedures
 - P2 develop dogs for their role within custodial environment in accordance with your organisation's procedures
 - P3 use dog handling equipment in accordance with manufacturers' instructions
 - P4 use commands in accordance with your organisation's procedures
 - P5 take actions if dogs' do not obey commands in accordance with your organisation's procedures
 - P6 prepare dogs for work in accordance with your organisation's procedures
 - P7 maintain dogs' performance through control techniques in accordance with your organisation's procedures
 - P8 provide dogs with rest in accordance with your organisation's procedures, and;
 - P8.1 care to maintain their performance
 - P9 assist dogs to perform to their best using rewards in accordance with your organisation's procedures
 - P10 maintain relationships with dogs which encourage best performance in accordance with your organisation's procedures
 - P11 maintain health and safety of relevant people during work
 - P12 complete required training records in accordance with your organisation's procedures

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to prepare dogs for work
- K2 how to control dogs during operational duties
- K3 how to maintain health and safety of dogs during operational duties and training exercises
- K4 commands to use during operational duties and training exercises
- K5 how to give commands to dogs
- K6 the importance of monitoring dogs' obedience through their response to commands
- K7 actions to take if dogs are not responding to commands
- K8 how to use dog handling equipment
- K9 types of training routines used to improve operational performance
- K10 how to develop the performance of dogs through training exercises
- K11 how to use training equipment
- K12 the variety of roles dogs perform in custodial environments
- K13 how to train dogs for different roles
- K14 the importance of rest
- K15 the importance of rewards
- K16 how to identify the relationship that gets the best performance from dogs
- K17 how to maintain health and safety of relevant people during work
- K18 legal responsibilities you have to others and towards the dogs

Additional Information

Glossary

Relevant people can refer to individuals, others relevant or significant to individuals, staff in your own agency including investigating teams or staff from other agencies.

Organisational procedures can include prison service instructions, prison policies, legislative policies and any other policies and procedures used across custodial care in the UK.

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