

SFJ ZJ2 – SQA Unit Code F2AP 04

Maintain and develop the performance of dogs



Overview

This unit is about maintaining the performance of dogs and developing them for their role in the organisation.

There are two elements

- 1 Maintain the performance of dogs
- 2 Maintain and develop the performance of dogs through training exercises

Target Group

This unit is appropriate to all staff working with dogs in the custodial environment.

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Performance criteria

Maintain the performance of dogs

You must be able to:

- P1 correctly prepare the dog for work
- P2 handle and control the dog in a way that maintains its performance and safety
- P3 give clear and meaningful commands to the dog at the appropriate time
- P4 monitor the dog's obedience by its response to commands and take the appropriate action if the dog does not respond correctly
- P5 use equipment correctly and effectively according to manufacturers' instructions and organisational procedures
- P6 encourage the dog to perform to the best of its ability and offer the appropriate reward and praise
- P7 provide the dog with rest from the training according to the needs of the dog
- P8 provide the dog with the necessary care to maintain its performance
- P9 maintain the health and safety of yourself and others during the work

Maintain and develop the performance of dogs through training exercises

You must be able to:

- P10 develop the dog's performance through approved training exercises
- P11 develop the dog appropriately for its role in the organisation
- P12 use equipment correctly and effectively according to manufacturers' instructions
- P13 use clear and meaningful commands during training exercises
- P14 monitor the dog's obedience by its response to commands and take the appropriate action if the dog does not respond correctly
- P15 encourage the dog to perform to the best of its ability and offer the appropriate reward and praise
- P16 maintain a relationship with the dog that encourages best performance
- P17 maintain the health and safety of yourself and others during the work

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to prepare the dog for work
- K2 how to handle and control a dog during operational duties
- K3 how to maintain the health, safety and welfare of the dog during operational duties and training exercises
- K4 the common commands to use during operational duties and training exercises
- K5 how to give commands to the dog clearly and meaningfully
- K6 the reasons why it is important to monitor the dog's obedience through its response to commands
- K7 the actions to take if the dog is not responding to commands in the required way
- K8 how to use dog handling equipment, including leads, collars and check chains
- K9 the types of training routines and exercises that are used to improve fitness, responsiveness and operational performance
- K10 how to develop the performance of dogs through training exercises
- K11 how to use training equipment effectively
- K12 the various roles of dogs in the organisation and how to train for different roles
- K13 the need for rest and reward and how to identify when these are necessary
- K14 the relationship that gets the best performance from the dog
- K15 how to maintain the health and safety of yourself and others during operational duties and training exercises
- K16 your responsibilities under health and safety, and animal welfare legislation

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