

SFJ ZJ3 – SQA Unit Code F2AR 04

Contribute to the security of the custodial environment using a dog



Overview

This unit is about using a dog to patrol the custodial environment and to control the movement of an individual who is in breach of security. You will need a good working knowledge of security and must be able to make the most effective use of the dog.

There are two elements

- 1 Use a dog during patrols to contribute to the maintenance of security
- 2 Use a dog to control the movement of individuals who are in breach of security

Target Group

This unit applies to handlers who use a dog to patrol the custodial environment and to control the movement of individuals in breach of security.

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Performance criteria

Use a dog during patrols to contribute to the maintenance of security

You must be able to:

- P1 conduct the patrol of the custodial environment in a manner that makes full use of the dog's natural senses
- P2 conduct the patrol in line with security procedures
- P3 maintain the safety of yourself, other individuals and the dog
- P4 maintain radio contact with the control room according to specified instructions
- P5 report promptly to the relevant people any risks to security identified during the patrol
- P6 keep the dog at the required safe distance from all staff and visitors encountered during the patrol
- P7 take the appropriate action in response to the dog's indications and reactions during handling
- P8 complete the necessary reports and pass any required information to the relevant people in the required timescales

Use a dog to control the movement of individuals who are in breach of security

You must be able to:

- P9 inform the appropriate authority regarding the breach of security and the deployment of a dog
- P10 give appropriate and effective warnings to individuals who are in breach of security prior to the release of the dog
- P11 handling the dog, you take precautions to minimise the risk of danger to others
- P12 communicate clearly with others throughout the process
- P13 call off the released dog as soon as possible when individuals who are in breach of security can be controlled by other means
- P14 correctly identify the need for assistance and take appropriate action
- P15 communicate and work effectively with other members of staff to control the situation
- P16 hand over individuals who are in breach of security in line with agreed procedure and the law
- P17 provide the dog with the necessary care after the event
- P18 produce clear, accurate and complete reports, and pass these to the relevant people in required timescales

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to patrol familiar and unfamiliar custodial environments
- K2 how to handle a dog during patrols
- K3 the character and nature of the dog, and its record of service
- K4 how to use a dog's natural senses during patrols
- K5 the layout of the custodial environment and the routines within it
- K6 how to maintain the safety of yourself, other individuals and the dog during patrols
- K7 the threats that exist to you and the dog during patrol, and how to recognize them
- K8 relevant legislation and organisational procedures regarding the use of dogs to patrol custodial environments
- K9 the reasons why it is important to maintain radio contact with the control room
- K10 the methods and procedures for maintaining radio contact
- K11 the types of risks to security that may occur, and how to identify them
- K12 who to report security risks to
- K13 the indications and reactions that the dog will give to security risks and the correct actions to take
- K14 the procedures for informing others of a breach of security and the situations in which assistance must be requested
- K15 the procedures for dealing with an individual and groups who are in breach of security
- K16 the contingency plans in place for dealing with breaches of security
- K17 the health and safety policy of the custodial establishment
- K18 the appropriate people to refer to for assistance
- K19 individuals' rights and how to ensure you recognise and respect these
- K20 the importance of keeping full and accurate records and how to do so
- K21 the purpose and format of the full range of reports you are responsible for keeping
- K22 the subsequent use of reports inside and outside the custodial establishment

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