

## **Part 7 - Dog displays**

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## Public display permitted in certain circumstances

Public displays by Police dog teams may be authorised provided that:

- there is minimal impact on staff and rosters, and the minimum operational coverage is maintained in districts
- training and preparation time for the display is on-duty time and included in the roster.

### Approval

The OC Dog Section will consider requests for displays and seek approval from their line manager.

When necessary, assistance for displays may be sought from adjoining districts by arrangement between district commanders.

### Small presentations

Presentations by the dog section and displays involving one handler (such as school classes, community groups) may be undertaken provided all other principles apply.

### Principles

- The OC Dog Section and the handler must have assurance that the safety and control of the dog is sound.
- Operational dog team's certification and quarterly safety and control assessments must be current.
- Dogs in training may be used in displays, but only to demonstrate a skill that they have been certified as competent or low risk activities (e.g. a handler showing a dog to a school class).
- Dogs that have not been certified operational (or are not currently operational) must not be used for bite work demonstrations, or off lead work.
- Non-operational teams may be used in small presentations such as school classes/talks as long as the team meet safety and control requirements.
- No members of the public are to be used in dog section displays.
- Safety of the public is of utmost importance; risk assessments and appropriate mitigation strategies must be implemented before any display is conducted.
- Safety briefings must be conducted before all displays (and sessions) and display practices.
- A safety officer must be present and be able to effectively manage safety of the display.
- Displays must reflect current operational practice and must be of a very high standard.
- Dog handlers must wear approved uniform and present a professional Police image.
- Displays involving bite work must also include elements of control and reflect the overall role and response to command of a Police dog.
- Firearms used to fire blanks must be approved weapons and Police employees must be qualified to use them and their use must conform with the '[Police firearms](#)' chapter.

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