



K9 Officers
503 FM 359 Suite 130 #105
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K9 Officers Police K-9 Application

Thank you for applying for a police k-9 through K-9 Officers. Our goal is to meet the needs of as many officers as possible while putting top quality dogs in departments where they will be properly utilized and well cared for to help keep our communities safe. You will find that this questionnaire is divided into three categories; the handler, the mid-level supervisor (Sgt.), and the head of the agency.

Please attach any documentation that will support your answers on this questionnaire to help our Board make a more informed decision about placing a K-9 with your department. After our Board has reviewed your application we will contact you by phone or email to follow-up with your department.

K9 Officers is a non-profit organization and relies on private and public donations. As such, please mention **K9 Officers**, (www.k9officers.org) when receiving positive media attention pertaining to the K9 and K9 program. Your support allows us to continue to help other agencies. The support and positive media attention from other agencies has helped allow us to donate the many K9's we have and take your application today. K9 Officers is volunteer run and works tirelessly to donate as many professionally trained K9's as possible. We require quarterly statistics, photos, and notifications of the positive impact the dog is having on the community, so we may keep those who make these donated K9's a reality, aware of the long-term impact of their donation to our community and law enforcement.

We do not guarantee that every applicant will receive a police k-9, but we will review each application carefully and will contact you after the review.

Send applications via email or mail to:

Email: Shannon@k9officers.org

Mail: K9 Officers Inc. 503 FM 359 Suite 130 #105, Richmond, TX 77406

Law Enforcement Agency Head-Captain/Chief Questionnaire

Name: _____ Title: _____ Best Phone #: _____ Date: _____
Agency name and address:

Name to contact for questions/updates on K9 program (cannot be applying handler):

Are you familiar with FLSA requirements and will you abide by these requirements?

What is the current population of the area your department/agency patrols?

How many sworn officers? _____ How many support? _____

What is the current drug related crime rate in your city/county?

Do you currently have a K9 unit? If no, have you ever had a K9 program in your law enforcement agency (please explain why it no longer exists)? How many hours weekly is this K9 team going to be used specifically for the purpose of K9 related activities?

If yes, what type of dog (drug detection, tracking, patrol, dual purpose) how long has this K9 unit been operational in your department, and how many hours weekly are they utilized for K9 related work?

The department will need to budget basic care items, proper housing, and K9 specific vehicle equipment. Has the department budgeted for these items? Will they be in place when the K9 is donated?

Dogs donated by K9 Officers will require annual certification through a national organization such as NNDDA (www.nndda.org). This protects the dog, handler, and department. Are you willing to include this in your Standard Operating Procedures?

Are you willing to issue a supportive press release about the donation of the K9 by **K9 Officers** to the community and, if feasible in the future, mention K9 Officers when receiving positive media attention for the K9?

Please include a signed letter of support for the K9 program that includes what the department will provide for the K9 unit if received. This should include the items necessary to operate a successful K9 program such as training time, daily care, quality food, veterinary care, vehicle insert and grooming as well as staying in contact with K9 Officers.

Mid-Level Supervisor Questionnaire

Name:

Title:

Best Phone #:

Date:

How much training time is currently (or will be) allotted to the handler each week for training?

How much time is (or will be) allotted to the handler for daily care of the K9?

What is the utilization rate of your K9 unit? Will this handler be also utilized on patrol? How many hours per week (do not include time handler is scheduled for other duties such as non-k9 patrol) ?

What are the department's weekly hourly intentions on utilizing this K9 if it is received?

What plans does the department have to cover the costs of food, vet, grooming, and occasional boarding cost for the K9 if received?

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Have you picked a handler and what selection process did you use to pick this handler?

A handler's course is vital to ensure a successful K-9 unit and is between 4-8 weeks in length. Will the chosen handler be available to attend a handler's course that will be donated along with the K-9?

How many sick days has this officer taken in the last two years?

How many times has this officer been disciplined for violating agency SOPs in the last two years?

Does the department have the necessary equipment for a police k-9 including vehicle insert (built in car crate), heat alarm for the vehicle, crate, harness, leashes, etc.?

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Handler Questionnaire

Name:

Title:

Best Phone #:

Date:

- 1) How many years have you served in law enforcement?
- 2) Have you ever handled a K9 before and for how long?
- 3) If yes, what breed and type (narcotics, tracking, dual purpose) of dog was it?
- 4) If yes, how long did you handle that dog?
- 5) List some of your successes with your K9.
- 6) What happened to your last K9 partner?
- 7) What are your plans to utilize this K9 if it is received?
- 8) What qualifications, training and certifications do you have?
- 9) How many people live with you in your home and list their ages if the K9 will go home with you?
- 10) Do you have any pets currently? If so, what type, gender, and ages?
- 11) How do your family members feel about having an active, working K9 in your home?
- 12) What will the living arrangements be for the K9 when it is at your home?

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Terms, Explanations, and Requirements

The handler chosen must be physically fit in order to properly work a canine. Emotions transfer down the leash so the handler must be stable to provide the correct working environment for the canine partner, if the handler is professional you will have a professional canine team.

The canine must have a clean and stable environment to reside in off duty. The department provided kennel should be placed in a location free from distractions so the canine can rest.

Canine requires a secure location and time to "just be a dog".

Dogs are trained and certified for a specific purpose to ensure reliability. Police K-9's are generally single purpose meaning they are trained for one specific task or dual purpose meaning they are trained for two tasks. To help us best identify your needs what type of dog best suits your departments requirements and are you best able to utilize:

Single Purpose:

- Narcotics detection
- Tracking
- Explosives/Bomb Detection
- Patrol Dog-to protect the handler and for crowd control

Dual Purpose:

- Patrol and Narcotics detection
- Patrol and Tracking
- Patrol and Explosives detection
- Patrol, Narcotics detection and tracking

Green Dogs:

- Young dogs that are untrained but showing the potential to make good police K-9's (only for experienced, proven trainers)

Is there a preferred breed of dog for your department? Please explain why you prefer that breed.

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