



**G4S CANINE**  
General Purpose Security Dogs

# INTRODUCTION

## A practical and visual deterrent

G4S canines provide a highly visible, cost-effective method to deter or detect trespassers day and night, as well as protecting your employees in remote locations where the threat level may be heightened.

The visual nature of the canine service provides a strong deterrent, which is proven to reduce trespassers.

G4S provides over 250,000 hours of general purpose security dogs each year. Our canine handlers are all SIA licensed and each canine team is National Association of Security Dog Users (NASDU) and Highfield certified. This means that each canine has undergone specialist training with their approved handler. We provide each client with confirmation of their handler and canine certification as proof of expertise.

### Did You Know?

Worryingly, uncertified and untrained canines are currently permitted to attend a site with a SIA licensed officer. Always ask to see the handler and canine certifications before allowing teams onto your premises to commence work.

“The **impact** of the canine service far **exceeds** its cost!”

“We **eliminated site break-ins** and traveller access issues as a result of using the **G4S canine service**”

Head of Security, Multinational Bank

## What is a General Purpose Security Dog?

A General Purpose Security dog is trained to detect intruders in order to protect a person, a property or valuable assets such as metals or void properties.

One of the key advantages to hiring a general purpose dog is their superior senses. These canines can easily detect scents and sounds before humans can.

A canine can detect an individual up to 300 metres away in favourable weather conditions and act as an early warning system, enabling the security officer to assess the threat level before a more detailed inspection. The canine will quickly alert the security officer to any issues they may not already be aware of, giving the officer time to assess the situation and choose the best course of action, such as calling for backup if necessary.

The mere sight and sound of the canine provides a strong deterrent, proven to be highly effective in reducing theft and break-ins.

### Did You Know?

It is illegal for a qualified security patrol dog to be off its lead. Its role is to protect its handler.

## How we train our canines

Each G4S dog handler is SIA licensed and vetted by our inhouse screening team. All our canines are trained to the highest National Association of Security Dog Users (NASDU) requirements.

Each handler and canine is assessed four times per year. This assessment is carried out by internal or external assessors to ensure consistent high standards are maintained.

We carry out welfare inspections at our customers' sites on a regular basis, speaking to the handlers and to the client to ensure both parties are happy. We also carry out penetration tests where we will practice authorised but unannounced break-ins to a site to test the team and help to optimise their performance.

G4S will assess the environment that the canine and handler will be working in and, where appropriate, provide additional training to meet the requirements of that sector.

For example, Client X is a large construction site operating in accordance with strict health and safety regulations. To upskill our canine and handlers, staff completed the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) to ensure that they were adequately prepared for the working environment.

## Where can general purpose dogs add value?

A security patrol dog is a highly effective way to protect a person, property, or assets at vulnerable sites. Patrol dogs can provide:

- A strong visual deterrent where your property or assets may be at high risk of theft or damage such as a vacant property
- Protection for employees working or commuting in high risk areas
- Provide early detection of trespassers or other unauthorised persons at remote sites such as power stations. Early detection allows you to call for further support
- A cost-effective alternative to multiple security officers
- Effective detection both in daytime hours and hours of darkness. The canine is capable of detecting unwanted activity up to 300 metres away in favourable weather conditions
- Fast deployment in bespoke welfare vehicles so no need for welfare facilities on site

“**One** dog can replace **three** security officers”

## What makes G4S different?

- Every dog handler is trained, assessed and certified
- National deployment capabilities
- We can deploy our service onsite within 48 hours
- We provide our own welfare vehicles, meaning there is no need for welfare facilities on site
- All G4S teams are BS8517:1 compliant
- Dedicated 24hr canine management team
- We have a wide range of security services including Manned Guarding, Security Systems, Fire Detection and Risk Services to complement our canine offering.

## Accreditations

G4S meets all the accreditations: ACPO, NASDU, HABC & British Standards, RSPCA welfare guidelines.

G4S only uses canines which adhere to the British Standard compliant canine breeds.

## Did You Know?

Insurance companies will only cover you if you use British Standard compliant canine breeds.



## Canine welfare

Our canines are professionally trained, well respected and sensitively cared for as part of the G4S canine family.

### Compliant Vehicles

- All G4S employees have BS8517 compliant vehicles.
- Meet the Animal Welfare Act 2006.
- All vehicles are temperature controlled.
- Contain canine and human First Aid kits.
- Undergo monthly audit and inspection.
- Meet British Standard and contain crash tested cages.

### Canine Training facilities

- 1,200 acres of mixed terrain on one site
- 57 differing internal areas to prepare the canines for a variety of situations
- Academic classroom
- Vehicle search compound
- 24hr onsite vet services
- BS8517/Animal Welfare Act 2006 compliant kennels
- 24hr CCTV kennel monitoring
- CCTV monitored and recorded odour ID facility
- Full time canine management team

## Why not see for yourself?

We regularly host our clients at our canine headquarters at Luton Hoo. This provides a great opportunity to see how the dogs are cared for and to see them perform a series of tasks using explosives in a simulated environment. Visits give a firm feel for how our dogs are raised and their effectiveness in an environment that can be prepared to be closely aligned to your own.



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