



# Specialist Narcotics Trained Canine Services



**CASE STUDY:**  
**DRUG DETECTION DOGS SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION CLIENT TO LOOK AFTER THEIR WORKFORCE**

## The Customer

G4S is proud to support one of Europe's largest construction sites with the supply of specialist narcotics trained canine services.

The construction site is around 430 acres and looks after approximately 7,000 people working on site daily. The site contains construction areas as well as office space, accommodation and multiple vehicle entrances.

The client holds high importance to ensuring each worker is fit to work in their environment and places huge importance on worker safety.

## The challenge

Ensuring the health and safety of each person on site is critical, therefore strict protocols are in place to ensure no one is under the influence of alcohol or drugs on entry or during their visit.

The client was looking for a canine function to efficiently check people as they entered the building as well as provide regular spot checks across the site.

At shift changes, large volumes of people enter and depart multiple entrances. The customer wanted a canine service to efficiently check people on entry without causing delay or frustration to the workers.

They also required a canine provider who would compliment and work in unison with the existing security provision on site as well as adhere to the strict health and safety procedures.

### CHALLENGES

Enforcing a narcotics free environment for a construction site operating with over 7,000 staff

Provide narcotics check without impacting pedestrian traffic flow

Works in unison with existing security provider

### SOLUTIONS

Specialist trained narcotics canines placed at key ingress and egress points

Discrete process for positive identification

Highly visible spot checks as a deterrent

### RESULTS

100% detection accuracy

Reduction in positive narcotic identification

Visible deterrent



### The Solution

G4S were able to provide specialist trained narcotics canines who could effectively check each person arriving on site, as well as spot checks around the construction area to identify anyone they suspected of carrying drugs onto the premises, without causing delays to pedestrian traffic flow.

A canine's sense of smell is somewhere between 10,000 to 100,000 times more acute than a human's, which makes them uniquely skilled for this type of role. A canine will also identify when someone has taken recreational narcotics and has them in their system but not on their persons. This is detected through scent omitted from pores and sweat glands as well as residual particles on their hands or clothing.

Once the canine has made a positive identification, the worker is discretely asked to stand aside and then searched for confirmation. If nothing is found during the physical search, a urine sample is requested to test.

As well as at the entrance points, canines are used for spot checks around the construction site in areas such as lockers, offices spaces and rubbish areas. These spot checks are highly visible and provide a strong visual deterrent to all site workers.

G4S provides a consistent team of dog handlers and their canines. The staff are used weekly so that they are familiar with the site and have undergone the thorough health and safety induction in line with all workers on site.

Each G4S dog handler is directly employed by G4S, SIA licensed, vetted and assessed by us and each canine is trained to the highest National Association of Specialist Dog Users (NASDU) requirements.

G4S also put each dog handler through the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) in order to meet the strict health and safety requirements of working in a construction environment.



### The Results

The client is delighted with the accurate and efficient way that G4S canines prevent and detect narcotics being brought onto or used throughout the construction site.

Every search has provided a positive detection with 100% accuracy over time.

The visual nature of the canine checks has reduced the amount of positive identifications over the period of the contract.

**“General Purpose canines** are highly effective when you are establishing your construction site to protect your assets and avoid protesters, or opportunists jumping over weak fences.

**As your workforce increases, canine drug screening** is a cost-effective and accurate method to meeting your compliance and protect your workforce.”

### About G4S Canine

The G4S canine team have many years of operational deployment and training experience in the British Army and other institutions, complemented by industry recognised teaching qualifications and corporate experience.

G4S National Training Centre is based just outside of London, on the Luton Hoo Estate. Canines are carefully looked after and all our licensed handlers are provided with detailed theoretical and practical training sessions to provide them with the correct skills to complete their duties.

“The impact of the canine service, far exceeds the cost of it!”



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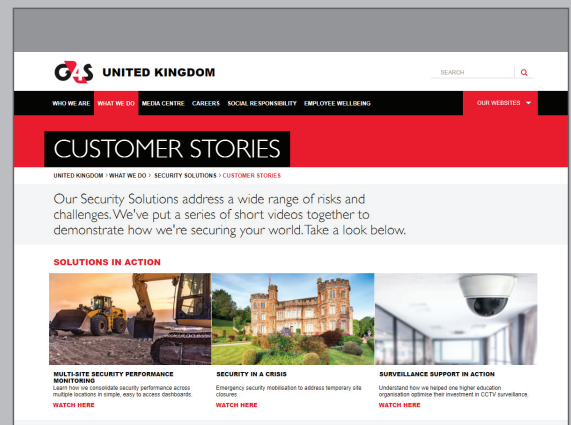
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