

Animal Related Courses

Drug Detection Dog Handler (Multi-Purpose)

Course No: 435/065

| Aim of Course | Outline of Syllabus | Remarks |
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| <p>To provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become an operational Multi-Purpose Drugs Detection Dog Handler.</p> | <p>On completion of training, the Drugs Detection Dog Handler will be capable of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining a close working relationship with a trained Drugs Detection Dog • Stating the regulations and safety precautions relating to the storage, handling and use of controlled drugs • Employing the dog to search, find and indicate the presence of cannabis and its derivatives, heroin, cocaine, amphetamines and their derivatives (and currency if required) • Recognising cannabis, heroin, cocaine and amphetamines by sight and smell • Assessing an operational situation and advising the employing agency on whether or not the dog can be usefully employed • Operating a Drugs Detection Dog in searches for controlled drugs' hides and ancillary equipment in buildings, all types of vehicles, ships, aircraft, outside areas, personal possessions (e.g. luggage) and pedestrians and passengers • Interpreting dog behaviour and reactions whilst searching for drugs • Recognising the basic signs of health, detect signs of sickness and report any abnormalities • Conducting all forms of continuation training in order to maintain the dog at a high standard of operational efficiency. | <p>This course replaces the Passive and Proactive Drugs Detection Dog Handler.</p> <p>The Defence Animal Centre can sometimes provide trained dogs. Please refer any queries to IDT(A).</p> <p>Related Course: Patrol Dog Handler's Course.</p> |

| Rank Range | Entry Standards | Duration | Qualifications gained | Frequency |
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| <p>Private soldiers and all non-commissioned ranks</p> | <p>IELTS level 6. Fluency in written and spoken English. Experience in basic dog handling.</p> | <p>9 weeks</p> | <p>A pass certificate is awarded to successful students</p> | <p>4 courses per year</p> |

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