# SECURITY & FACILITIES LTD CANINE SERVICES



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"Hello, I'm Diva, a Kopek Canine. I'm actually Sue's freestyle dog. It's my pleasure to escort you through our Kopek Canine Services Brochure"

# Introduction

Introducing Kopek Security and Facilities Ltd, specialist providers of General-Purpose Security Dog and Detection teams. With our highly trained and skilled canines, we ensure top-notch security and protection for your premises.

At our company, dog handling is more than just a job - it's our passion and expertise! Our founders, Sue Yildiz & Gennine Cope, have a rich background in the discipline of dog handling, and training. Sue qualified as a BIPDT Dog Training Instructor in 2004, and has full membership of the institute, MBIPDT. She still teaches, trains and competes her dogs in other disciplines. Gennine and Sue are both NTIPDU Level 3 handlers. Gennine has also competed her dogs successfully. Though no longer operational, they have over 30 years combined knowledge in this field. At Kopek we have solid experience behind us, our canine division is our strength and passion, we live and breathe dogs.









"We have our own training centre for both people and canines at our HQ in Coventry"

# **Training Centre**

Our resident company dog trainer trains and examines handlers to ensure that they meet stringent requirements to gain certification. He competes his own dogs internationally, has given seminars to the UK Police and trained the championship Winner of the National Police dog trials. He was the first person in the UK to hold both IGP and Mondio Ring decoy licences at the same time. He has many more accolades, but the above is to example his competence and experience.

We have multiple qualified teachers and trainers within our team. Our own GM Steve Cooper, as well as being a very experienced manager, also has his "Train the Trainer" qualification. On top of this, we quite often outsource training to other experienced trainers including ex police. We encourage self-improvement and development.



# Why Use Canines?

Canine assisted security is a robust and highly effective solution to significantly bolster the protection of your property and assets. Dogs, quite simply, can do what people can't do! They will have detected an intruder well before a guard could. Having a dog can be as effective as many guards, reducing costs but ramping up security.

For CCTV versus dog, the dog and handler can respond immediately, where as a camera could not. There is still a place for both however, they do work well together.

Dogs are the most reliable, versatile and cost-effective option for the detection of target odours. They can be trained to identify reliably, a whole range of scents; they're even used as bio detection dogs to detect cancer. A canine has thousands to millions of times the scent ability of humans. Estimates vary from breed to breed - some breeds have better tools for the job.

A General Purpose (GP) security dog would usually be a protection breed such as German Shepherd Dog, Rottweiler, Doberman or Belgian Shepherd Dog.

A Detection Dog would usually be a German Shepherd, Malinois or Collie. These dogs are amongst the top dogs for their searching proficiency, trainability, stamina and/or guarding instincts. Their agility and training enable them to search large areas quickly.

At Kopek, we take pride in the attention to detail, de-escalation, and quiet efficiency we bring to all our canine services. Our well-trained dogs play a crucial role in keeping a wide range of clients safe, whether in the public or private sector, at events or locations. Our dedicated dog-handlers work tirelessly to ensure that our dogs are the best trained and treated in the UK security sector. We believe that well-trained and well-treated dogs offer superior performance, making them the best security/detection option for our clients. Our dogs and handlers are committed to providing a superb level of service, always ensuring the safety and security of our clients.





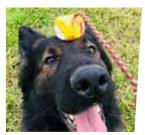
# **Canine Welfare**

We care about our canines and believe that happy dogs are more productive ones. We give our canines the best care possible. That's why we abide by the five freedoms:

- Freedom from hunger and thirst
- Freedom from discomfort
- Freedom from pain, injury or disease
- Freedom to express normal behaviour
- Freedom from fear and distress

Our top priority is ensuring that our dogs are happy, healthy, and living their best lives.

# "Our canines undergo a high level of training"









# **Security Dogs**

Security dogs patrol areas with their handlers to ensure safety and security for all. These dogs have immense search skills. One way in which we may utilise these tools would be to find people such as an intruder, an immigrant in the case of port security or a missing person. GP dogs are also trained to find articles that carry human scent for evidence.



But ultimately, should the need arise, this canine partner is also trained ready and able to protect you. These dogs are a formidable deterrent! Canines naturally use a mixture of tracking and air scenting to hunt and survive in the wild. We have harnessed this skill to serve our needs to search or patrol when we need them to.

Tracking is following the path walked by the person we wish to find. These dogs have the capability to track footstep to footstep. Most security dogs though will use a mixture of tracking and air scenting together. Patrolling a site thoroughly takes procedures, planning and experience. A good handler will be able to read their dogs movement, posture, stance and tail carriage. Dogs offer a visible and audible deterrent with their enhanced senses of smell and hearing, providing unparalleled detection options to support their human colleagues. A Security Dog team is an incredibly versatile and useful tool for a busy site.

Our dog handlers are accredited to Level 2 or 3 by NTIPDU, NASDU or BIPDT and compliant with BS 8517-2:2016. Rest assured, we strictly adhere to The Guard Dogs Act 1975 and The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 to ensure the safety and professionalism of our team.



#### Level 2 GP training includes:

- Recall
- Patrol and indication of intruders
- Building search
- Basic property search
- · Obedience on lead (heelwork, sit, down, stand etc)
- 2-minute stay
- Formal agility
- Handler protection on lead

• Role play including dealing with the public, injured persons etc.



• Examination on legislation and care of the dog The Level 3 qualification is a significant jump up from the Level 2. It is akin to police dog standards and the dog is worked off lead throughout each assessment, except for the tracking section. The handler will have invested years and significant finance to reach this standard. Level 3 teams are also few and far between.



#### Level 3 GP training includes:

- · All the level 2 elements above are included, though off lead
- The stay is 5 minutes with handler out of sight and distractions
- Formal property search. 5 articles within a square (carrying human scent) The dog is to find and indicate within 10 minutes by freezing, barking or down
- · Bark and hold on a fleeing intruder
- Passive attack on the dog and handler with and without a weapon, team to detain and escort
- Vehicle search
- · Track on hard and soft surfaces scent to be up to one-hour old
- Firearm search
- Hand signals and distance control
- 6-foot scale

• Examination and detailed written explanation to explain procedures These highly trained security dogs could patrol your sites to ensure safety and security for all.



#### **Detection Dogs**

A dog's sense of smell is significantly stronger than ours. Their olfactory system can detect scents with much more sensitivity, making them invaluable partners in detection work. From explosives to drugs, our canine teams are trained to detect a wide range of substances and objects. We ensure that all our dog teams are compliant with industry standards, so you can trust in their abilities. Some of the detection services that we offer.

Explosive detection dogs

These highly trained canines play a crucial role in keeping public venues safe and work tirelessly to detect potential threats and protect us from harm. From arenas to exhibitions and airports these amazing dogs are always on the front lines.

Drug detection dogs

These dogs play a crucial role in keeping our communities safe by detecting illegal substances at events, in airports, schools, and other public places.

Bed bugs detection dogs

These amazing canines have a powerful sense of smell that allows them to find even the tiniest bed bug infestations. If you suspect you have bed bugs in your beds, consider hiring a bed bug detection dog to accurately pinpoint the problem areas. Useful for hotels, cruise ships and homes.

Tobacco Detection Dogs

Not only are they highly effective at detecting hidden tobacco products, but they also play a crucial role in protecting public health by cracking down on this dangerous trade.

Pyrotechnic search dogs

Specially trained to detect explosives, fireworks and other dangerous





materials. These highly skilled canines play a crucial role in keeping us safe at events, airports, and other high-risk areas.

Cadaver dogs

Canines trained to detect the scent of human remains, helping to locate missing persons or solve crimes.

Firearm Search dogs

Level 3 GP security dog teams are trained to find firearms as part of their accreditation. Finding hidden weapons and keeping our communities safe is just another string to their bow.

Money Detection dogs

These amazing canines are used to detect large amounts of cash that may be hidden during criminal activities.

# Some areas of business that we are frequently asked to protect or detect.

# Construction

Looking to increase security on your construction site? Security dogs are irreplaceable for sites looking to enhance their security measures, ensuring the safety of workers and equipment. Not only do they provide added security, but they also serve as a visible and sometimes audible deterrent to would-be trespassers.

Large construction sites pose significant challenges. Not only do they cover a lot of ground, making it difficult to cover every ingress; they are also full of hazards. This poses real problems for teams seeking to traverse such sites to provide security services.

Fortunately, our teams are experts in the provision of construction site canine security. That's why we were chosen by a Leeds-based construction firm to secure a very large site of theirs which was proving to be subject to theft.

By understanding the site, planning our patrols and securing its weakest

points, we were able to offer comprehensive coverage. We deployed Security Dog Handlers to offer visible, mobile and effective deterrence and detection; and we always ensured vigilance to prevent further trespass.

Our teams were highly successful, and following their arrival on site there were no further thefts at all. Not only that, but all breaches reduced over time – resulting in a safer, more security site on which our client company could get on with what they were best at.



# **Shopping Centres**

With the increase of anti-social behaviour, shopping centres are using security dogs to help keep shoppers and staff safe. These highly trained canines work alongside security teams to detect any potential threat ensuring a secure shopping experience for everyone. Shopping centres are private land, of course – but they are also communal spaces. Not only do owners and tenants alike want appropriate environments in which to undertake retail activity but visitors also want a pleasant environment they can enjoy and spend recreational time in.



That makes antisocial behaviour a problem for everyone – and important to resolve quickly. Not only that, but the goal should be to prevent its recurrence. Sensitive and effective security is the key means of achieving these critical aims: deter and detect behaviour, and then dissuade repeat offences.

It's important that security teams do this, however, without creating intimidating or unpleasant environments. At Orchards Shopping Centre in Coventry, we deployed a security dog handling team to deter a group of youths that were being a nuisance. Not only did our team successfully eliminate the bad behaviour; they were popular and successful with shoppers too, supporting centre security and even being filmed by Channel 5. Shoplifting statistics reduced, too – and a better environment created for all.

This has proved to be highly successful, please ask us for feedback from shopping centres that we supply.

We would propose that a trial of this service would be hugely beneficial to see how effective these teams can be and how they would fit within your own centre and security teams.







#### **Event Security**

Our highly trained security and detection dogs are ready to provide the ultimate protection for your event and assets.

The art of event security is to make it comprehensive without it proving to be disruptive. Event-goers want to feel safe and expect to be secure while on-site. But they also want to have fun, and they want their experience to be as smooth and as stress-free as possible.

Not only that: organisers need to be sure their assets are safe, including the key task of ensuring that their stage and equipment are safe in situ overnight.



Event sites are well-publicised and can be large – they require active policing and careful planning. We regularly assign multi–Security Dog Handling Teams to events nationally, after a thorough review of the site's security needs.

The result? A secure site, with theft and vandalism both prevented ... and an event that goes off without a hitch.

Our highly experienced event teams operate with the utmost of professionalism. Always on high alert, ensuring a safe and secure event for all!







#### **Evictions**

Are you facing the stressful situation of an eviction? Let our highly trained security dogs provide you with peace of mind during this challenging time. We can work alongside enforcement officers to ensure a smooth and safe eviction process.



At Kopek, we have long experience in executing swift and effective eviction procedures. For example, our client in Plymouth owned a multi-storey tower block that had come to play host to squatters. Once our client achieved a writ of possession, our team moved in to implement it. We deployed eleven security officers and six dog handling teams to ensure the eviction process would be executed effectively and without impediment. The squatters were successfully evicted, and the building secured, making their re-entry impossible.

By regaining control of the property on behalf of our client, we ensured that their investment was maintained, and a court order was followed. We acted quickly and with maximum efficiency to ensure a rapid resolution of the issue.





# Warehouse, Factories and Logistics

Looking to step up security at your warehouse, factory or logistics facility? Consider adding security dogs and their handlers to your team! These highly trained canines provide an added layer of protection and can help deter potential intruders. Security dogs can significantly enhance the safety of your operation.

These sites can be dangerous places – but they can also be tempting for trespassers. Securing them protects any materials in situ, keeps staff members and members of the public safe, ensuring business can proceed without delay or complications.

That's why we were tasked by our client with guarding a disused factory in the industrial heartland of Birmingham. The facility was set to be demolished to make way for HS2 works, and although cordoned off and fenced off, proved a tempting target for trespass.

During this contract, our teams deterred large amounts of antisocial behaviour, theft and vandalism. As part of the urban landscape of England's second city, the site did not occupy an isolated position and was therefore attractive to, and potentially easy pickings for, local trespassers.

Nevertheless, our teams were successful in securing this complex, difficult and valuable former factory, ensuring that an otherwise potentially difficult situation in fact remained safe, secure and suitable for the planned works.









# **Cabling & Highways**

Security dog teams have been highly effective working alongside cabling engineers to provide a deterrent. These engineers have been targeted by gangs and are now able to work safely knowing that we are watching over them.

At Kopek, we can work with clients over time to develop a strategy for a site and ensure it is safe from day one. But we also acknowledge that, every now and then, we're needed at a moment's notice – and that we need to be making a site safer from the first moment we arrive.

That was the situation with this Highways project for a Local Authority in the south-east of England: we were called upon at short notice to provide security for their highway's equipment, stored on a disused site within their catchment area.

This equipment included everything from signs and barriers to vans and trucks. Our goal was to prevent unauthorised access and maintain sufficient coverage around the clock to ensure total security.

We deployed a Canine Team on-site and prevented unauthorised access on multiple occasions, ensuring the safety of this valuable – and projectcritical – equipment on a challenging site at very short notice. Security should get results, fast.







### **Void Properties**

Protect your void properties using our specially trained canines to patrol. Rest easy knowing that your sites are being watched over 24/7. Canine Security provides a formidable extra layer of security by deterring trespassers and vandals and finding intruders.



At an extensive refurbishment project in Guildford, our services were required to

reduce the impacts of a significant trespassing challenge. Our client was undertaking a large-scale project with a range of former dwellings on a housing estate in the area and needed significant support.

Their problems were wide-ranging and serious, involving vandalism, arson and theft alongside trespassing and unauthorised access. This made the site unsafe for staff, dangerous of course for the offenders and unsuited to the work schedule that was required to complete the project successfully. Given the size of the site and the scale of the challenge, our footprint was necessarily larger: we deployed three teams of Security Dog Handlers to guard the entire site, designing a schedule of patrols which ensured comprehensive coverage of the environment.

From a situation at the outset which was very live, over time our team's persistence and vigilance ensured the breaches reduced progressively. Within a short period, the site was entirely under control.





#### **Border Control**



Security dogs and detection dogs play a vital role in border control. These highly trained canines can detect illegal substances, explosives, and even humans trying to cross borders illegally. Their keen sense of smell and training make them invaluable assets in keeping our borders safe. Ports are busy places - our canine teams play a major role in patrolling the fence line, searching the storage containers from the ships for immigrants, but also guarding the many valuable assets waiting to be shipped out or delivered.

The speed at which the canines work is vital - these ports can be vast. Due to the proximity to the sea, they can experience ever changing and severe weather conditions. Handlers are trained to understand the implications of these on scent, working with the wind direction and extreme temperatures to get the best from their canine.

Both Directors, Sue & Gennine, have achieved their Port Facility Security Officer qualification.





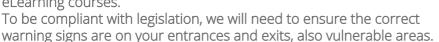


# Compliance

All Kopek Security and Facilities Ltd dog handlers are screened in line with BS7858: 2019 (screening of individuals), BS8517-1:2016 (security dogs) and BS8517-2 (security dogs' part 2 - code of practice for the use of detection dogs)

SIA badges are checked as with all security personnel (BS 10800: 2020) before they work, then systematically using the SIA badge checker and watch list.

We have made it mandatory that all personnel complete ACT Awareness and Act Security eLearning courses.



# Vehicles and Uniform

We ensure all security vehicles are highly visual and marked as a dog unit.

We check the correct signage is being displayed on the vehicles and warning triangles are in line with the Guard Dogs Act 1975.

Cages are checked to ensure they are a sufficient size for the dog, made of an appropriate material and they MUST have an escape hatch in the event of an accident.

Our Dog Handlers wear black with a high visibility yellow or black tactical vest. They are clearly identifiable as dog handlers.

# Reporting

Our team's book on and off and do their check calls via our smartphone app. Lone working is monitored by our 24hour control room. Our reports provide geotagged locations for proof of attendance. Our handlers can generate incident reports through the app for us to provide to our clients whenever necessary.

# DETER, DETECT, DEFEND





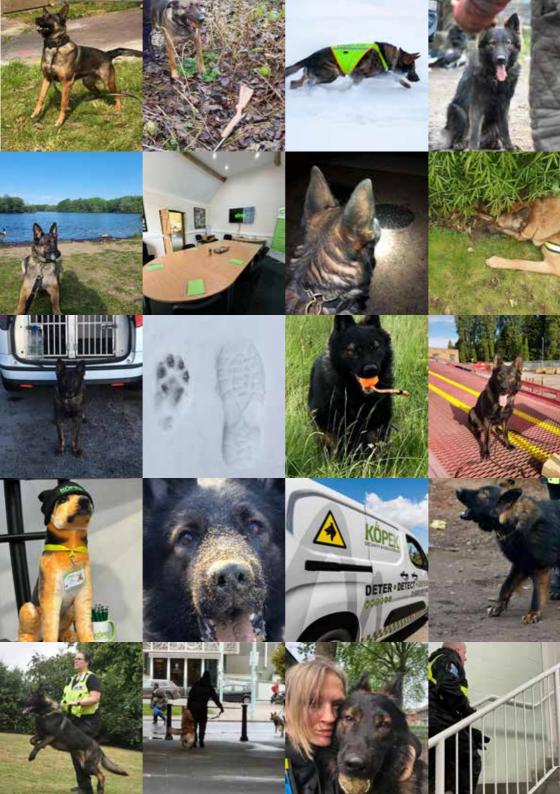


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Our teams are British Standard Compliant, screened & vetted. We are a company above industry standards.

#### Memberships





#### Please follow the link below for key points on procuring canine services

https://www.npsa.gov.uk/system/files/documents/key-points-to-consider-when-specifying-procuringand-implementing-detection-dog-service-2023-npsa-template\_0.pdf



"Thank you for taking the time to read our brochure, we hope to hear from you soon"

