

## **Training and Use of Dogs for Security Work - Consultation Document -**

The existing *Private Investigators and Security Agencies Act* and regulations are silent with respect to the use of dogs for security work. Section 52(3)(f) of the new *Security Services Act* (SSA) specifically allows for regulation of dogs used by the security industry. In order to obtain information about the use of dogs for security work in BC, Security Programs and Police Technology Division distributed a survey in July of 2007 to security businesses that currently use dogs. After reviewing the results of that survey and regulations from other Canadian jurisdictions, Security Programs and Police Technology Division have developed some proposed regulations with respect to the training and use of dogs for the purposes of security work.

Key components of the proposed regulations are set out below. The intent of the regulations is to:

- reflect current practice in the security industry by allowing the use of dogs for a variety of security purposes, including detection, guarding, patrolling and personal protection of handlers
- ensure that dogs used in security work are adequately trained while allowing for flexibility in assessing the adequacy of training, given that dogs may be used for a variety of purposes, and
- ensure that handlers are adequately trained in use and control of dogs

### **Proposed regulations**

1. A person must not use, or cause to be used, a dog for the purposes of security work except as allowed by these regulations and the conditions of a licence.
2. As a condition of its security business licence, the registrar may allow a licensee to use dogs while carrying on a security guard service business, if the registrar is satisfied that the licensee provides dogs used for the purposes of security work with adequate training for that kind of security work.
3. As a condition of his or her security worker licence, the registrar may allow an individual to use a dog while engaged in security work as a security guard, if the registrar is satisfied that the individual is competent in the use and control of dogs for that type of security work.
4. A licensee may not use a dog to control individuals or crowds or for the pursuit or restraint of individuals.
5. A licensee must not use a dog for the purposes of security work unless the dog:
  - has been adequately trained for that kind of security work
  - has been trained to respond only to aggression directed against the person who is accompanying and controlling the dog
  - has been trained to not kill or seriously injure people or animals, and

- is accompanied by and under the control of an individual whose security worker licence allows the individual to use a dog while engaged in security work.
6. A licensee must ensure that a dog used for the purposes of a security guard service remains on the property the dog is securing, guarding or patrolling.
  7. A licensee must ensure that a dog used for the purposes of a security guard service wears a fluorescent collar and identification tag that includes the name of the security business licensee.
  8. A security business that uses dogs for the purposes of security work must maintain the following records:
    - details of each dog used for the purposes of security work
    - details of training and certification for each dog used for the purposes of security work
    - details of training and certification for each individual using a dog for the purposes of security work
    - details of any incidents where a dog used for the purposes of security work attacks an individual or animal.

The purpose of this consultation document is to solicit your comments on these proposed regulations. If you have any questions or want to provide feedback on this consultation document, please e-mail [SPDSSA@gov.bc.ca](mailto:SPDSSA@gov.bc.ca) by November 18, 2007.