

**Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Police Modernization Division  
MHA Police K9 Cell**

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To

**Directors General SSB, BSF & ITBP**

**Subject : GUIDELINES ON BREEDING OF POLICE SERVICE K9s (PSKs) AT  
CAPFs DOG BREEDING & TRAINING CENTERS**

1. In partial modification of the orders contained in this Ministry's Letter No. 18/160/2014/PROV/VET/BSF/PF.VI (CF-3264030) Dated 24 Jun 2015, I am directed to convey the approval of the Competent Authority to SSB, BSF and ITBP to undertake breeding of PSKs at their Dog Breeding & Training Centres to meet the requirement/deficiency among CAPFs and other central/state police & law enforcement agencies in the country.

2. The brief '**Guidelines on Breeding of Police Service K9s (PSKs) at CAPFs Dog Breeding & Training Centres**' are given as under:

(a). PSK breeding shall be restricted to only those CAPFs who are holding specialized cadre of 'Veterinary Officers' to ensure that scientific breeding is undertaken, taking advantage of principles of animal breeding and genetics. Therefore, it is to be restricted only among SSB, BSF and ITBP which have well established 'Dog Breeding and Training Centres' (DB&TCs) as well as cadre of veterinary officers to sustain capacity development on long term basis to meet consistent requirement of pups among various police forces/law enforcements.

(b). PSK pups shall be reared by the respective dog breeding centres (DB&TCs) till they become 'young adult' when their behaviours and personalities could be evaluated to ascertain the levels of prerequisite traits needed for preparing proficient PSKs. This would stop the current practice of disposing them at an early age of 03 months when they are too young to be evaluated for the purpose of police duties.

(c). Sale of pups at 03 months or 06 months of age shall not be allowed in normal course. In exceptional cases when it is obligatory to meet some specific requirement among the Forces, approval of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) shall be obtained.

(d). Screening of young adult dogs (in the age group of 09-12 months), popularly termed globally as 'Green Dogs', shall be mandatory requirement for evaluation to ascertain their suitability for training as proficient PSKs. The specialized screening test has been developed by this Ministry based on internationally proven PSK behaviour and temperament assessment models.

(e). All the Green Dogs be screened through above mentioned Working K9 Behaviour Assessment Test (K9 BAT) to quantify their behaviour through the use of standardized test protocol. Only those qualifying in the K9 BAT shall enter in specialized phase of PSK training or be sold to other organizations ensuring quality of PSKs. Those green dogs failing to qualify benchmarking, shall be used for other purposes or disposed-off through the auction process (as per SOP already issued by this Ministry on the subject). The detailed protocol of K9 BAT would be issued separately.

(f). The screening of green dogs by K9 BAT be carried by an independent standing Board of Officers convened by the MHA comprising of domain experts from various CAPFs, on quarterly basis, or as per requirement.

(g). The purchasing agency shall provide manpower to the respective PSK Breeding Centre (DB&TCs) after allotment of pups at the age of 03 months for rearing of the pup from the age of 03 months to 09 months at the scale of 01 (one) Dog Handler for every 03 (three) pups or part thereof to avoid any additional manpower burden to the PSK Breeding Centre on account of rearing since they are not authorized any separate manpower on this account/rearing.

(h). All the PSK pups sold to other Forces as young adult i.e. 'Green Dogs' at the age of 09 months must be duly imparted basic/tactical obedience training between the age of 06 to 09 months and pup must be environmentally stable and affable/socialized to meet unique requirements of the police duties.

(i). The PSK Breeding Centre (DB&TCs) shall remain responsible for maintaining health and fitness of PSK pups till they are delivered to the purchasing organization and they would remain responsible for any genetic disorder discovered subsequently upto the period of 06 months and also take necessary remedial measures to replace with the similar pup, if it is serious in nature.

(j). Further, new PSK breeds like Springer Spaniel, Cocker Spaniel, Belgian Shephard Malinois, Working Line German Shepherds, Beagle, Dutch Shepherds, Blood Hounds or any other similar breeds also needs to be introduced gradually to diversify PSKs and also to take best advantages of different K9 breeds for varied kinds of police duties. Accordingly, these PSK Breeding Centres (DB&TCs) would be encouraged to procure quality K9 breeding stock to meet unique requirement of Forces from open market including import, if necessary.

(k). The quantified assessment of behaviour in the K9 BAT shall be one of the major basis in determining the 'Estimated Breeding Values' (EBVs) to plan and undertake future breeding programme as per scientific principles of animal breeding and genetics on heritability of traits.

(l). Mutual support among various PSK Breeding Centres (DB&TCs) would be encouraged under the 'cooperative PSK breeding scheme' envisaged by this Ministry in near future wherein, the dog germ-plasm could be exchanged among different PSK Breeding Centre (DB&TCs).

(m). Similarly, vacancies for preparing the trained PSKs would also be allotted to these DB&TCs to make up the existing deficiencies among various forces by using the available capacity of these DB&TCs in this regard.

(n). The PSK Breeding Centre (DB&TCs) are accordingly advised to plan and formulate strategies of PSK breeding appropriately to meet unique requirement of sister organizations as per the capacity & mandate accorded previously by the MHA duly modernizing their PSK breeding programme including introduction of new K9 breeds.

3. The proposal on selling price of the PSK pups and trained PSKs estimated by the Board of Officers received from SSB would be suitably finalized soon. Post approval of the selling price, SSB shall forward a SOP on the subject of 'Preparation and Selling of Pups and Trained PSKs to CAPFs/Central and State Police/Law Enforcement Agencies' taking one member each from BSF & ITBP based on above mentioned broad guidelines for approval of this Ministry and circulation among all Forces.

Yours faithfully

  
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- (a) For information and necessary action.
- (b) Please forward your requirement of PSK pups for next 03 years starting current financial year to this Ministry by 30 May 2020 for better planning the breeding programmes by PSK Breeding Centres.
- (c) CRPF may continue limited PSK breeding of Belgian Shepherd Malinois K9s to meet their operational requirement as hitherto fore.