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**Sub: SOP on Sale of Pups and Trained Dogs from CAPF Dog Training and Breeding Centres (DTBCs)**

Reference Guidelines on Breeding of Police Service K9s (PSKs) at CAPFs Dog Breeding & Training Centres (DTBCs) issued vide this Ministry Letter No. 99/VET/SSB/2018 (CF3423138) dated 08 May 2020.

2. SOP duly approved by the competent authority of this Ministry on 'Sale of Pups and Trained Dogs from CAPF Dog Training and Breeding Centres' to facilitate smooth sale/purchase of pups and trained dogs to other Police and Law Enforcement Organizations is forwarded herewith as MHA Advisory on PSKs No. 6 (Appendix 'A') to this UO for further compliance, please.

**Enclosure** : As above



  
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**MHA Advisory on Police Service K9s (PSKs) No. 6****Appendix 'A'****SOP on  
Sale of Pups and Trained Dogs from  
CAPF Dog Training and Breeding Centres****Background**

1. It is vital to produce quality pups with unique requirements to train for specialized police duties and also achieve the laid down performance standards. Most CAPFs and other central/state police and law enforcement organizations have been struggling to find such quality pups from reliable sources and hence constantly endeavoured to overcome the prevailing deficiencies of trained Police Service K9s (PSKs). It is definitely a challenge to find suitable pups from civil market due to inadequate number of dog breeders who could understand the specific requirements of the security forces. Keeping the distinctive necessity of security organizations, few CAPFs were identified which can handle the specialized task of dog breeding to meet not only their own requirement but also produce to meet requirements of other sister organizations as well. Similarly, these CAPFs have been assigned the task to support other security organizations in training and preparation of trained dogs as well.

**General**

2. To overcome prevailing difficulties and challenges in procuring quality pups for specialized police duties, the Ministry of Home Affairs vide their letter No. 99/Vet/SSB/2018(CF-3423138) dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 have granted dog breeding mandate to SSB, BSF and ITBP who have well established Dog Breeding & Training Centres (DTBCs) as well as cadre of Veterinary Officer's to undertake breeding of PSKs in sustainable manner to meet the growing requirements and overcome existing deficiencies among CAPFs and other central/state police & law enforcement agencies in the country . Additionally, CRPF has been granted limited dog breeding mandate to meet their in-house requirement of Belgian Shepherd (Malinois) breed of dogs. Accordingly, these CAPFs have been authorized exclusive dog breeding stock to meet specific requirements of CAPFs and other organizations. On similar lines, these CAPFs can support other security organization in training and preparation of trained dogs as well against firm demand of the organizations.

**Aim**

3. The aim of this SOP is to lay down detail process of sale & purchase of pups & trained dogs from CAPF Dog Breeding & Training Centres (DTBCs). It would incorporate timely projecting the demand of pups, providing adequate dog handlers, making necessary payments and issue of quality pup and trained dogs to the buying organization.

**Buying Organization**

4. CAPFs (including NSG & Assam Rifles), other central police or law enforcement organizations and state police & law enforcement organizations may be buying organizations of pups and trained dogs. Preference would be accorded in the order given above alongwith first cum first serve basis. These CAPFs would sell these pups/trained dogs after meeting their in-house requirements. Surplus pups over and above demand of the security organizations can be sold to open public on first cum first serve basis on the rates approved by the MHA as per the SOP earlier approved for disposal of old & unfit K9s.

**Approved Rates of Pups and Trained Dogs**

5. The approved rates of pups and trained dogs are given under. These rates would be revised after every three years or till revised.

**Selling Price of Pups**

6. The selling price of pups from SSB and other Dog Breeding & Training Centres (DB&TCs) of CAPFs approved by MHA vide Letter No. 99/Vet/SSB/2018 (CF-3423138) dated 04 Jun 2020 are as under:-

S. No.	Details of the Pup	Selling Price per pup in Rs.	Remarks
(a).	Pup at the age 03 Months (all breeds)	35,000/-	<b>Only to be sold in exceptional cases with prior sanction of MHA</b>
(b).	Pup at 06 Months age	56,000/-	
(c).	Pup at age 09 Months duly trained in Basic/ Tactical Obedience (all breeds)	71,000/-	Rs. 5000/- per month be added on account of feeding for delay in collection of pups

### Selling Price of Trained K9s

7. The Ministry had approved the revised selling price of trained dog vide letter No. 99/VET/SSB/2018/CF-3423138 (CFN-3486469)/448-467 Dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 as per following details:-

S. No.	The selling price of a trained dog produced by CAPFs	If CAPF Dog Handlers are used for the entire duration of training	If buying organization provides the Dog Handlers for the whole period of training
(a).	For dogs, where the duration of training is 06 months (comprising of Explosive Detection, Narcotics Detection, Infantry Patrol, Guard, Mine Detection etc.)	Rs. 3,60,330/-	Rs. 2,08,000/-
(b).	For dogs, where the training period is 09 months (comprising of Search & Rescue, Tracker and Dual Purpose (Patrol plus Detection) K9s etc.)	Rs. 5,12,500/-	Rs. 2,84,000/-
	Remarks	Book Value of Trained Dogs of CAPFs	Recommended Mode of Preparing PSKs

### Broad Policy Directives

8. The broad guidelines earlier issued by the MHA as per undermentioned details on the subject need to be adhered while undertaking sale purchase of pups or trained PSKs:

- (a) PSK pups shall be reared by the respective DTBCs 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.
- (b) **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, prior approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) shall be obtained based on the specific justification of buying organization.

- (c) 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 which is named as Working K9 Behaviour Assessment Test (K9 BAT) and issued vide MHA letter No. MHA/Police K9/2021/237-254 dated 18 Feb 2021.
- (d) All the Green Dogs should be screened through above mentioned Working 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 with an exception of initial 12 months period (as per the SOP already issued by this Ministry on the subject).
- (e) The screening of green dogs by K9 BAT would 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 vide convening order issued vide UO No. MHA/Police K9/2021/595-601 dated 06 Aug 2021.
- (f) **The buying organization shall provide manpower to the respective CAPF's DTBC 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 02 (two) 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 i.e. rearing of pups.**
- (g) 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.**
- (h) The PSK DTBCs shall remain responsible for maintaining health and fitness of PSK pups till they are delivered to the purchasing organization including periodic immunization, deworming etc. Further, 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, CAPFs are in the process to induct new PSK breeds like Springer Spaniel, Cocker Spaniel, Belgian Shepherd Malinois, Working Line German Shepherds, Beagle, Dutch Shepherds, Blood Hounds or any other similar breeds gradually to diversify PSKs and also to take best advantages

of different K9 breeds for varied kinds of police duties. Accordingly, these PSK DTBCs are encouraged to procure quality K9 breeding stock to meet unique requirement of Forces from open market, 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 dog breeding programme as per scientific principles of animal breeding and genetics on heritability of traits.
- (l) Mutual support among various PSK DTBCs 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 DTBCs.
- (m) Similarly, vacancies for preparing the trained PSKs would also be allotted to these DTBCs to make up the existing deficiencies among various forces by using the available capacity of these DTBCs in this regard.
- (n) The CAPFs would accordingly plan & 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.

#### **Procedure for Sale/Purchase of Pups & Trained Dogs**

9. The detailed process of projecting demand to collection of pup/trained dog is listed in subsequent paras:

- (a) The Firm demand of pups and trained dogs can be placed by the buying organization twice a year i.e. during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of January and 1<sup>st</sup> week of July every year to the CAPFs. The demand should be placed to either of the CAPF Force HQs depending upon suitability at under mentioned details:

Director General, SSB East Block-V, RK Puram New Delhi-110066. Fax No. 011-26782110	Director General, BSF Block-10, CGO Complex Lodhi Road, New Delhi-03 Fax No.011-26185176	Director General, ITBP Block-02, CGO Complex Lodhi Road, New Delhi-03 Fax No. 011-24360090
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- (b) The buying organization should incorporate following information while submitting the demand to CAPF's DTBCs:
  - (i). Number of pups or trained dogs required during the year.
  - (ii). Breed of pups or trained dogs preferred/required.
  - (iii). Male or Female –preference if any.
  - (iv). Mode of payment preferred.
  - (v). Whether training of pup is also proposed to be done at the CAPFs DTBC from where pup is being procured.

- (c) On receipt of firm demand by the stipulated period as mentioned above, DIGs (Vet) at respective CAPF Force HQs would confirm to the buying organization about availability and time schedule of issue of pups/trained dogs by 31<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> July each year alongwith other joining instructions. The buying organizations should also be informed about the deadlines by which their manpower should report for care and rearing of their pups when the puppies are 03 months old onwards (Para 8 (f) above of the SOP refers). If buying organizations fail to report their manpower by due dates, CAPFs may cancel their allotment.
- (d) The buying organizations would procure the pups or trained dogs on the basis of Provisional Bill, which would be provided by the respective CAPF at the time of confirmation of allotment of pups/trained dog. However the buying organizations must ensure that the total cost of pup/trained dog as per the 'provisional bill' is cleared before the collection of pup/trained dog.
- (e) The allotment of pups/trained dog would be decided on first come first serve basis however order of priority would be other CAPFs, central police & law enforcement organizations and state police & law enforcement organizations.
- (f) On receipt of confirmation from CAPFs, the buying organization must promptly undertake following actions :
- (i). Identify and nominate requisite manpower to report to the CAPF DTBCs by the deadlines intimated by the CAPFs.
  - (ii). Remittance of the payment of the cost of pups or trained dogs (as the case may be).
- (g) The cost of pups or trained dogs (as per para 6 or 7 above of this SOP) needs to be remitted in favour of CAPF DTBCs as per under mentioned details:

<b>SSB</b>	<b>BSF</b>	<b>ITBP</b>
Commandant (Vet) DT&BC, SSB, Dera (Alwar) SBI Rajgarh, Branch Code 5311, A/C No. 37373394961 IFSC Code SBIN0005311	Officer Commanding, NTCD, BSF, Tekanpur, IFSC Code – SBIN0008284 (In the form of Demand Draft only payable at SBI, BSF, Tekanpur, Gwalior)	Vice Principal, National Training Centre for Dogs ITBP, BTC, Bhanu SBI Ramgarh (HRY) A/C No. 35170802114 IFSC Code- SBIN0050451 (Payment can be remitted through DD / RTGS)

- (h) The 'Dog Handlers' detailed by buying organizations will have to pay their messing charges separately at the CAPFs DTBC during the period of attachment as per local rules and entitlements.
- (j) The transportation of pups or trained dogs, on completion of training period to the respective destination, would remain responsibility of the buying organization (since cost mentioned at para 6 or 7 above is excluding of transportation) however necessary administrative support would be provided by the CAPF DTBCs.
- (k) The CAPF DTBCs will remain responsible for any injury, sickness or mortality during the period of rearing/training of pup/dog till despatch to the destination on completion of rearing/training period. However this would not include cases of indiscipline, negligence or wilful default of the Handler which would be decided by holding a 'court of inquiry' to ascertain the issue under the extant rules of the CAPFs and buying organization is intimated accordingly.
- (l) Any dispute or discrepancy not covered under the SOP should be resolved amicably duly discussing the matter between two organizations.

### **Conclusion**

10. This SOP is formulated to enlist detailed guidelines and procedure for smooth sale & purchase of pups and trained dogs from CAPFs as per approved rates and policies of the MHA. The aim of the policy is to facilitate procurement of quality PSKs in view of the prevailing deficiencies and to support capacity building in this vital field. The Ministry remains very hopeful that this SOP would help CAPFs and other security organizations to work in close association with each other in using the existing capabilities and support by mutual learning for augmentation of PSKs in the country.

<b><u>Abbreviations</u></b>	
BAT	Behaviour Assessment Test
CAPFs	Central Armed Police Forces
DTBCs	Dog Training & Breeding Centers
MHA	Ministry of Home Affairs
PSKs	Police Service K9s i.e. Police Dogs
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure

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