

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**BID SPECIFICATION**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT CANINES**  
**ATTACHMENT 1**

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8820-0333

**1. SCOPE**

It is the intent of this specification to describe general requirements of a Law Enforcement Canine to be used by California Highway Patrol.

**2. APPLICABLE SPECIFICATIONS / STANDARDS / CODES**

Specifications, standards and codes referenced in this document in effect on the opening of the 'Invitation For Bid', form a part of this specification.

**3. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

- 3.1 Canine never used by another law enforcement agency
- 3.2 18 months to 36 months
- 3.3 50-90 pounds
- 3.4 Proportionate lines harmonious with a straight solid back and shoulders.
- 3.5 Sex – the canine may be male or female
- 3.6 Lineage – Canines that are European born or that are of European Lineage traceable by two generations are preferred in this requirement.
- 3.7 Dogs come with collar.
- 3.8 45 day assessment starts upon taking possession of canine.
- 3.9 Opportunity to assess all canines prior to purchase.
- 3.10 Current inoculations for DA2PPC (Distemper, Adenovirus/Hepatitis, Para influenza, Parvovirus and corona virus), Bordetella vaccination, Leptospirosis vaccination, rabies.
- 3.11 Supplier must provide proof from a veterinarian licensed in the United States of the above vaccinations. Supplier unable to supply proof has the option of allowing the CHP to obtain the vaccinations at the supplier's expense.

**4. CANINE BREEDS**

- 4.1 The Canine Breeds are grouped as follows:

GROUP 1:

- Belgian Malinois
- German Shepherd
- Dutch Shepherd
- Czech Shepherd

GROUP 2:

- Golden Retriever
- Labrador Retriever

## 5 ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

- All phases of the Performance Evaluation will be conducted at the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Academy and surrounding areas. The canine(s) will be evaluated not to exceed, 45 days from delivery. All phases of the evaluation will be conducted by CHP Headquarters Departmental Trainers and Coordinators. CHP Headquarters Departmental Trainers and Coordinators will make the final determination as to the acceptability of a canine.
- The canine(s) will be required to successfully pass all tasks for its intended purpose (bite work vs. no bite work), in order to be accepted into the CHP Canine Training Academy. Each canine will also be required to pass a medical evaluation given by a licensed veterinarian conducted at the expense of the CHP.
- The supplier of the canine(s) may attend any portion of the Performance Evaluation. To ensure consistency in the canine's performance, testing may last as long as 45 days. After 45 days or as soon as the acceptability has been determined, the supplier of the canine(s) will be notified via writing of the results of the canine evaluation.
- A "pass" or "fail" grading method will be utilized in the evaluation process. The canine(s) will be required to successfully pass all tasks for its intended purpose (bite work vs. no bite work) in order to be accepted into the CHP Canine Training Academy. A canine failing any portion of the Performance Evaluation will be reevaluated after a minimum of 24 hours. If the canine fails to show significant signs of improvement during the reevaluation, the canine will be deemed unacceptable and disqualified from the evaluation process. If the canine does show significant signs of improvement, but fails the reevaluation, the canine will be offered a third and final evaluation after a minimum of 24 hours.
- The following five Performance Evaluation Tasks will outline the required minimum standards for selection and entry into the CHP Canine Training Academy:

### 5.1 TASK #1 - OBEDIENCE:

The canine shall demonstrate obedience through tested commands that will be given on leash. The commands will consist of "SIT", "DOWN", "STAY", "HEEL" and "COME". A six foot leash will be utilized during this phase of the evaluation.

### 5.2 TASK #2 – TEMPERAMENT:

Canine shall be environmentally sound. The following temperament tests will be given:

5.2.1 Gunfire: The canine must show tolerance to gunfire from the handler and decoy.

5.2.2 Slick or Grated Floors: The canine must not display any fear or discomfort while standing, walking or running on slick or grated floors.

5.2.3 Tight Areas: The canine must confidently enter and investigate tight areas.

- 5.2.4 Heights or Stairs: The canine must show tolerance of heights and walking up stairs.
- 5.2.5 Darkness: The canine must confidently enter and investigate dark structures and areas.
- 5.2.6 Freeway Traffic: The canine must show tolerance of freeway traffic.
- 5.2.7 Conveyances (i.e.: Vehicles, Aircraft, Helicopters, Boats): The canine must show tolerance of being around or riding in different types of conveyances.
- 5.2.8 Obstacles: The canine must be able to jump over hurdles of various heights not to exceed 6 feet, crawl through tunnels, and navigate a narrow walkway
- 5.2.9 Being Lifted: The canine must tolerate being lifted or picked up by handler.
- 5.2.10 Distracters: The canine must display a lack of fear and not be distracted by the following situations or environments: loud noises, startling situations (unforeseen events which the canine perceives as a danger), other animals, crowds of people, being approached in a non-threatening manner, opening of an umbrella, the moving of objects or objects thrown in its path of travel and the wearing of a muzzle.

### 5.3 TASK #3 – PREY, RETRIEVE, AND HUNT DRIVES:

The canine shall show prey, retrieve, and hunt drives per the below specifications. The canine will be evaluated to ensure it will pursue unfamiliar, hard and soft objects. Canines will be expected to hunt and grab each object. Objects constructed of the following materials will be utilized during this phase of the evaluation: plastic/PVC, rubber, wood, jute, Syntek, and metal. Canines will also be evaluated on their ability to hunt for a hidden decoy. The canine will be judged on its alertness, speed, hunt, perseverance and grab as described below:

- 5.3.1 Alertness: The canine must show undistracted interest when presented with each object and pull hard in the same direction as the object is being thrown.
- 5.3.2 Speed: Upon being released, the canine should demonstrate extreme physical effort in running to the area where the object fell.
- 5.3.3 Hunt: Upon being released, the canine must search for an object which is out of sight. This is accomplished by pre-stimulating the canine with an object and then throwing the object in high grass/brush or hiding the object in an area, vehicle, or structure. The canine must exhibit concentrated and fanatical hunting behavior utilizing its olfactory senses. The canine is expected to maintain this behavior for an extended period of time (4 to 5 minutes) with little or no assistance from the handler.
- 5.3.4 Perseverance Test: The canine will be pre-stimulated with an object that will then be placed under or behind a heavy or immovable object (cement block, tire, crate,

fence, box, etc.). The canine must show a fanatical desire to obtain the object by barking, scratching, staring or otherwise not leaving the object.

5.3.5 Grab: Upon locating the object, the canine should immediately grab the object in its mouth and show a desire and satisfaction to play with the object.

**5.4 TASK #4 – CONTROLLED AGGRESSION (BITE WORK CANINES ONLY):**

5.4.1 The canine shall bite and hold the following canine bite training equipment for a minimum of 30 seconds:

- a) Soft Sleeve
- b) Intermediate Sleeve
- c) Hard Sleeve
- d) Bite Suit
- e) Hidden Sleeve (nylon, leather, jute, and syntek)

5.4.2 The canine must engage a decoy while wearing a muzzle for 20 seconds.

5.4.3 While staked out, the canine must show courage and fanatical prey and defense drives directed towards a decoy not wearing any type of canine bite training equipment. The canine must not show signs of excessive orientation towards canine bite training equipment or dependence on the handler

**5.5 TASK #5 – CONFLICT TESTS:**

The canine must not show conflict with any of the following:

5.5.1 Water: After being pre-stimulated, the canine must navigate a small body of water (pond, stream, etc.) to retrieve a thrown object or engage a decoy.

5.5.2 Food: After being pre-stimulated, the canine must disregard food to retrieve a thrown object or engage a decoy.

5.5.3 Handler: The canine must not show dependence on the handler. The canine will be pre-stimulated with an object that will be placed behind a fence, under an overturned milk crate or similar item. The canine will be released and the handler will disappear from sight. The canine should go to the object, show keen interest and remain unaffected by the absence of the handler.

**6. MEDICAL TEST**

6.1 Medical tests will be conducted;

- By an impartial, third party veterinarian and paid by the CHP.
- After the canine has successfully passed all tests outlined above.

6.2 Medical tests will include;

- Parasites

- Hip dysplasia, elbow, spine, arthritis – confirmed by X-rays with a Schnelle/grading of #0 and #1 as acceptable or a rating of excellent, or good being acceptable from the Orthopedic Foundation of America or a German “A” stamp rating or “normal” or Fass Normal. No certification required, just meeting the standards listed above.
- Spondylitis / Spondelosis
- Hearing Problems
- Vision Problems
- Broken or Missing Canine teeth
- Jaw
- Assure Inoculations are current.
- Fecal Examinations
- Laryngeal Paralysis (Larpar)
- General Health Profile (blood and urine)
- Gait
- Skin/Coat
- Heart/Lungs
- Detectable health related problems which would adversely affect the canine’s ability during training and field service.

## **7 WARRANTY**

Canines will be considered acceptable after successfully completing the 45 day testing period. A one year 100% refund or replacement on genetic health is required.

## **8 PASSING CANINES**

After passing the 45 day acceptance testing, contractor shall invoice the CHP.

## **9 FAILING CANINES**

Any canine that fails to pass the assessment tests or medical evaluation can be replaced by the supplier once. The Supplier must be able to provide replacement canines no later than 30 days from the date of failure notification. If the replacement canine fails, the CHP will move to the next supplier. A written, detailed rejection to the supplier will follow any rejected canine. Third replacement canines are not allowed. Transportation costs and logistics for canines returned for failing are the responsibility of the supplier. The supplier is responsible to make alternative arrangements if unable to retrieve canine within the specified time frame. Any supplier providing  $\geq$  five (5) canines in any consecutive six (6) month period,  $\geq$  80% of which

fail assessment testing, may be deemed in default of this contract and removed from the qualified bidders' list.

Note:

Suppliers have  $\leq 7$  days to retrieve canine. A \$35/day fee imposed on any canine not retrieved within 7 days.

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