



*Kern County Sheriff's Office*  
**Policies and Procedures**

<b>TITLE: SHERIFF'S CANINE SELECTION</b>		<b>NO: Q-800</b>	
<b>APPROVED: Donny Youngblood, Sheriff-Coroner</b>			
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**POLICY**

The Sheriff's Office Trainer will accomplish selection of a canine service dog, with final approval coming from the Canine Coordinator.

**DIRECTIVE 1. CANINE REQUIREMENTS**

Canines utilized by the Kern County Sheriff's Office will meet the following requirements:

- The service dog must be a minimum of Schutzhund I or equivalent
- Breed of the service dog will be German Shepherd, OR Belgian Malinois.
- The service dog shall be a minimum of 18 months and no more than 3 years old at the time of purchase