



Kern County Sheriff's Office

Policies and Procedures

TITLE: SHERIFF'S CANINE INJURY PROCEDURE		NO: Q-1400	
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POLICY

Infrequently, police dogs may become injured either on or off duty. Medical treatment of the Sheriff's canines should be considered a priority. The assigned canine handler will be responsible for ensuring the injured canine receives qualified medical treatment. Currently, we have a contract for such medical treatment with a local veterinarian. In the event this contract is made with a different veterinarian, this procedure will be modified to reflect the change.

DIRECTIVE 1. INJURY NOTIFICATIONS

Any time a Sheriff's canine receives injuries which require immediate medical treatment, either on duty or off duty, the assigned canine handler shall make notification to the Communications Center, advising the nature and extent of injuries, and estimated time of arrival to the medical treatment facility. The Communications Center will in turn make necessary notifications as prescribed by this procedure.

PROCEDURE A. EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT – Monday through Friday (0800-1700)

The assigned handler will:

- Immediately contact the Communications Center and report the nature and extent of the injuries, and estimated time of arrival to:
 1. Stiern Veterinary Hospital
17 Monterey St., Bakersfield, California
Office (661) 327-5571
- Request the Communications Center advise the Sheriff's Office Watch Lieutenant of the incident
- If needed, request the Communications Center also call the current or next working canine handler and have him/her respond to assist in securing the injured canine
- Safely transport the injured canine to the medical treatment facility and ensure the canine is secured during the medical procedure;
- Follow any post treatment recommendations provided by the treating veterinarian

- As soon as practical, personally contact and brief the following on the circumstances surrounding the injury:
 1. Canine Manager
 2. Canine Coordinator
 3. Sheriff's Office Trainer, Adlerhorst LLC.
- Prepare a C.I. report detailing the incident.

PROCEDURE B. EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT - Weekends/Holidays/Other hours

The assigned canine handler will:

- Immediately contact the Communications Center and report the nature and extent of the injuries, and estimated time of arrival to:
 1. Kern Animal Emergency Clinic
4300 Easton Drive
Bakersfield, California
(661) 322-6019
- Request the Communications Center advise the Sheriff's Office Watch Lieutenant of the incident
- If needed, request the Communications Center also call the current or next working canine handler and have him/her respond to assist in securing the injured canine
- Safely transport the injured canine to the medical treatment facility and ensure the canine is secured during the medical procedure
- Follow any post treatment recommendations provided by the treating veterinarian
- As soon as practical, personally contact and brief the following on the circumstances surrounding the injury:
 1. Canine Manager
 2. Canine Coordinator
 3. Sheriff's Office Trainer, Adlerhorst LLC.
- Prepare a C.I. report detailing the incident.
- In the event emergency medical treatment is required from a veterinary hospital or clinic not listed above, the Canine Coordinator will evaluate the need and make an approval decision prior to the canine receiving treatment

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