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# 247 ALLIANCE LTD

## Dog Handling Policy

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### Purpose

This Dog Handling Policy sets out the standards, controls, and procedures implemented by 247 Alliance Ltd to ensure the safe, lawful, and effective deployment of security dog handlers and dogs in line with SIA Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS) requirements, BS7858 screening standards, and applicable UK legislation.

### Scope

This policy applies to all personnel involved in:

- Dog handling services
- Security guarding with dogs
- Supervisory and management oversight of dog handling operations

### Legal & Regulatory Framework

247 Alliance Ltd operates in compliance with:

- Security Industry Authority (SIA) licensing requirements
- Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS) standards
- BS7858: Security Screening of Individuals
- Animal Welfare Act 2006
- Health and Safety at Work Act 1974

### Roles & Responsibilities

#### Management

- Ensure compliance with SIA ACS standards
- Approve training providers and certifications
- Monitor operational performance and compliance

#### Supervisors

- Conduct regular site inspections
- Verify handler and dog compliance
- Ensure assignment instructions are followed

#### Dog Handlers

- Maintain a valid SIA licence
- Handle dogs safely and responsibly
- Follow all assignment instructions and procedures

### Dog Handler Requirements

All dog handlers must:

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### Licensing

- Hold a valid SIA Security Guarding or Door Supervisor Licence
- Display licence at all times while on duty

### Vetting & Screening

- Be vetted in accordance with BS7858
- Provide 5-year employment history
- Undergo criminal record checks and reference verification

### Training & Competence

- Hold recognised dog handling certification (e.g., NASDU or equivalent)
- Complete initial and refresher training
- Demonstrate competence in dog control and safety

### Conduct & Use of Force

- Apply reasonable force principles
- Follow conflict management procedures
- Ensure dogs are used proportionately and under control at all times

### Fitness for Duty

- Be physically capable of handling working dogs
- Declare any medical conditions affecting performance

## Security Dog Requirements

### Suitability

- Dogs must be assessed for temperament and operational suitability
- Only trained and approved dogs may be deployed

### Training

- Dogs must undergo formal obedience and operational training
- Regular assessments must be conducted and recorded

### Welfare

- Compliance with Animal Welfare Act 2006
- Up-to-date vaccinations and veterinary care
- Adequate rest, food, and hydration

### Identification

- Dogs must be microchipped
- Records must link each dog to its handler

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### Operational Deployment

#### Assignment Instructions

All deployments must include site-specific instructions covering:

- Dog deployment rules
- Restricted areas
- Emergency procedures
- Public safety considerations

#### Risk Assessment

- Site risk assessments must include dog-related risks
- Control measures must be documented and implemented

#### Supervision

- Regular supervisory checks must be conducted
- Compliance must be recorded and reviewed

#### Equipment & PPE

Handlers must be provided with:

- Suitable leads and harnesses
- Communication devices (radio)
- Protective equipment as required
- Secure transport arrangements for dogs

#### Incident Management

- All incidents involving dogs must be reported and recorded
- Investigations must be conducted where necessary
- RIDDOR reporting requirements must be considered

#### Insurance & Liability

- Adequate public liability insurance must be maintained
- Handlers must be aware of legal responsibilities

### Monitoring & Continuous Improvement

- Regular audits of dog handling operations
- Ongoing training and development
- Lessons learned from incidents implemented

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### Non-Compliance

Failure to comply with this policy may result in:

- Disciplinary action
- Removal from duty
- Termination of employment or contract

### Policy Review

This policy is reviewed annually or following a significant change.

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Director

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Signed:



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