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<b>Police Use of Dogs</b>	<b>Date: 24/11/2008</b>

## Policy Statement

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary (the Constabulary) will maintain an effective resource of appropriately trained and equipped officers, general purpose dogs and explosive detection dogs to deal with any incident or event where the police use of dogs may be necessary.

The Constabulary recognises that an individual's right to life and the safety of the general public are paramount considerations when contemplating the police use of force. General purpose police dogs will be trained as a less lethal option available to officers for the protection and defence of facilities and sites policed by the Constabulary.

In addition explosive detection dogs will be trained to enhance the protection of sites and facilities from an explosive attack.

The use of general purpose police dogs and explosive detection dogs will be strictly controlled subject to national standards of training, authorisation and accountability being achieved.

## Aims of the Policy

The aims of this policy are to inform and support Constabulary decision making in relation to training operational deployment and management of Police dogs.

The policy incorporates the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) Guidance on the Police Use of Dogs.

Nothing in this policy overrides the fundamental duty of police officers to protect life in accordance with the law and the European Convention on Human Rights

This policy is enacted by the following management system documents:

CNC/PP/0050      Police Dogs

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