

INSPECTION REPORT

EMPD CANINE UNIT

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DATE: 2nd December 2025

TIME: Approx 9:30am

INSPECTOR/S: Senior Inspector V. Finnemore, Cadet Inspector T. Sithole

ANIMALS INSPECTED: 14 EMPD narcotic and explosive detection dogs

NO.	NAME	BREED	SEX	AGE	HANDLER/OFFICER
1	FERRAL	DUTCH SHEPHERD	FEMALE	2 YRS	R. FOSTER
2	BLUE	GSD	MALE	2 YRS	N. VAN LOUW
3	ZEENA	MALINOIS	FEMALE	2 YRS	E. HUTCHINSON
4	LUNA	GSD	FEMALE	2 YRS	J. XABA
5	STORM	GSD	FEMALE	2 YRS	S. NHLAPO
6	DELTA	DUTCH SHEPHERD	FEMALE	5 MONTHS	CST. OLIFANT
7	DASH	MALINOIS	MALE	4 MONTHS	CST. VISAGIE
8	ECHO	MALINOIS	FEMALE	9 MONTHS	K. THEMBA
9	TANK	MALINOIS	MALE	1 YR	E. BILLINGS
10	GUNNER	GSD	MALE	8 YRS	A. FOURIE
11	LUCIFER	DUTCH SHEPHERD	MALE	1 YR	A. FOURIE
12	MAYA	MALINOIS	FEMALE	11 MONTHS	
13	WILLOW	DUTCH SHEPHERD	FEMALE	1 YR	J. PIENAAR
14	ANGEL	DUTCH SHEPHERD	FEMALE	1 YR	J. PIENAAR

STRUCTURE OF THE EMPD K9 UNIT AND ITS LINE OF REPORTING

1. Brigadier Dion Singh
2. Colonel Nhlapo
3. Chief Superintendent Piet Posthumus
4. Inspector Jaco Pienaar – Training and Logistics
5. Inspector Attie Fourie – Operations manager
6. Constables – Dog handlers

ARRIVAL

- Inspectors Fourie and Pienaar accompanied us during the inspection.
- Several of the dogs were out training in the field behind the K9 unit.

KENNEL FACILITIES

- The kennels were clean at the time of inspection.
- There were fly traps up around the kennels.
- There were pallets available for the dogs to sleep on.
- The kennel fencing is in dire need of maintenance.
 - The plaster on the walls is cracked and crumbling.
 - The steel fronts on the kennels are rusted and broken.
- Kennels are cleaned with tap water from a hosepipe. No chemicals are used to clean the kennels. I advised Insp. Pienaar to purchase a chlorinator and I explained how it works.
- Drains were clear of faeces.
- Fresh water was available for all the dogs.

CANINE HUSBANDRY

- The dogs are being fed donations of Jock Multistage dog food.
- The dogs are dipped once a week for external parasites.
- The state vet vaccinates the dogs and has their vaccination history on file.
- I was informed that the EMPD still has an account with Northrand road Animal Hospital. If any of the dogs fall ill or get injured, Insp. Pienaar authorises their treatment at the above veterinary practice.
- Insp. Pienaar recently purchased a scale on which he intends to weigh the animals once a week.
- All the dogs appeared to be in good condition at the time of inspection.

IMPROVEMENTS

- The floors of the kennels have recently been screeded with cement. Insp. Pienaar advised me that they will be plastering the walls in the next few weeks.
- The dip bath has recently been plastered to cover cracks and broken cement.
- Shade cloth has been used to cover the top of the kennels, offering a lot more shade and protection from the elements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The new dogs at the EMPD K9 unit were "donated" a few months ago. The handlers have been training these dogs but they are not yet on the asset register. Until they are registered, the EMPD will not fund these animals.
- Inspector Pienaar told me he hopes to get the dogs registered on the EMPD asset register by the 4th January 2026. He has written a memorandum to the Chief Superintendent requesting the addition of the new dogs to the official asset register of the City of Ekurhuleni. (See letter attached) A follow up inspection by the Boksburg SPCA will be done in January to ensure the dogs have been registered.
- Inspector Pienaar assured me that the animals do have enough food and will receive veterinary treatment, should they require it. Most of the dogs go home at night with their handlers and return the next day for training.
- I queried whether the homes of the handlers were ever inspected prior to the handlers being allowed to take the animals home. Mr. Pienaar told me they never inspected the properties where the dogs are taken after hours but said he will do so if we insist. I asked if the SPCA could do the inspections, he said yes.
- I noted that not all dogs had been included in the letter to the Chief Superintendent. Mr. Pienaar said he wants to keep all the current dogs as they have all proved to be competent in training. We will need to ensure that all EMPD dogs are registered in the new year.

- Officer Jacob Xaba feeds and cleans for the dogs that remain in the kennels at night and during weekends. If Jacob is off, Inspector Pienaar takes the responsibility.

REPORT WRITTEN BY: Senior Inspector V. Finnemore



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From: J. Pienaar
Inspector
K9 Unit
Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Police Department

Date: 08 December 2025

SUBJECT: K9's to be added to the assets register of the City of Ekurhuleni

Purpose

This memorandum serves to formally request the addition of the newly procured and trained K9 substance detection K9's to the official Asset Register of the City of Ekurhuleni.

Background

The Metro Police Department has established specialized trained K9's to enhance operational capacity in crime detection, community policing and substance detection. As part of this initiative, K9's has been procured, trained, in line with approved Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and legal compliance frameworks.

Request

To ensure accountability, transparency, and compliance with municipal asset management policies, it is requested that the following be actioned:

- Registration of all K9 service dogs as municipal assets under the Metro Police Department.
- Assignment of unique asset numbers for each K9, including identification details (name, breed, microchip number, date of acquisition).
- Categorization under "Operational Assets – Service Animals."
- Integration into lifecycle management for tracking, welfare, medical care, and eventual retirement.

Justification

- Aligns with municipal asset management policies and Treasury regulations.
- Ensures accurate financial reporting and accountability.
- Provides a structured framework for monitoring the welfare and operational readiness of the K9 Unit.
- Strengthens transparency in resource allocation and public safety initiatives.



Action Required

The Asset Management Department is requested to:

1. Capture the K9 service dogs into the Asset Register.
2. Issue asset tags/identifiers.
3. Update records to reflect ongoing maintenance and welfare costs.

EXPLOSIVE DETECTION COURSE

RANK	OFFICER	K9 NAME	BREED	SEX
Cst	S.Nhlapo	Storm	German Sheppard	Female
Cst	J. Xaba	Luna	German Sheppard	Female

NARCOTIC DETECTION COURSE

RANK	OFFICER	K9 NAME	BREED	SEX
Cst	E. Hutchinson	Zeena	Malinois	Female
Cst	K. Themba	Echo	Malinois	Female
Cst	N. Van Louw	Blue	German Sheppard	Male
Cst	E. Billings	Tank	Malinois	Male
Cst	R. Foster	Ferral	Dutch Sheppard	Female
Insp.	A. Fourie	Lucifer	Dutch Sheppard	Male

Electronically signed

J. PIENAAR
INSPECTOR
K9 UNIT / TRAINING AND LOGISTICS

