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## **Support Dogs - Patrol/Sentry/Rescue Dogs**

### **Guideline Statement**

Dogs trained for sentry, patrol, and rescue purposes serve a need in today's society. NACA recognizes the use of dogs trained for drug enforcement, police work, and military operations providing that humane methods of training are utilized. Adoptions for such purposes only to recognized police, military, or disaster rescue operations should be considered.

### **Basis for Guideline**

A dog trained for such duties by knowledgeable, qualified trainers or handlers generally receives extensive socialization training, as well, making the animal an asset to society, rather than a liability.

### **Guideline Recommendation**

Police and military trainers generally possess the necessary knowledge and training to adequately engage in this specialized training. NACA recommends that these dogs be kept in the same manner or confinement as dogs deemed as dangerous or vicious, when kept by the handler in the home environment; except that disaster rescue dogs or drug enforcement dogs may carry less stringent confinement specifications. These dogs should be licensed by their immediate, designated handlers. Except when engaged in "on duty" operations or activities, law enforcement patrol or assistance dogs and their owners should be subject to existing leash/restraint laws.

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The foregoing Guideline has been affirmed as duly adopted by the NACA Board of Directors.

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