

Chapter: Rules for State-Operated Programs and Facilities	Effective Date: 2/15/16 Page: 1 of 1 Replaces: GAP.380.9713, 11/29/04
Subchapter: Security and Control	
Rule: Use of Canine (K-9) Teams	
ACA: N/A	
Statutes: N/A	

(a) **Purpose.**

This rule provides guidelines for the management and deployment of K-9 teams at residential facilities operated by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD).

(b) **Applicability.**

This rule applies to residential facilities operated by TJJD.

(c) **Definitions.**

- (1) **K-9 Team**--a handler and canine trained to detect and identify illegal drugs, currency, alcohol, tobacco products, prescription medication, and other prohibited items.
- (2) **Passive Indication**--the K-9 is trained to sit, stand, or lie at the point closest to the source of the odor such as, but not limited to, cocaine, heroin, alcohol, marijuana, prescription medication, methamphetamines, tobacco, and other prohibited items.
- (3) **TJJD Parking Area**--any area used for parking that is owned, operated, or controlled by TJJD.

(d) **General Provisions.**

- (1) All TJJD K-9 teams must be certified annually and trained in passive indication.
 - (2) TJJD uses K-9 teams to detect and identify illegal drugs, currency, alcohol, tobacco products, prescription medication, and other prohibited items.
 - (3) A K-9 team may be deployed at the discretion of the K-9 handler to conduct routine, random, or specifically requested searches or inspections of the following areas:
 - (A) any dorm, cell, or other area used to house youth;
 - (B) any school or education building on TJJD property;
 - (C) any cafeteria, kitchen, canteen, or other food preparation area;
 - (D) any administrative area, staff office, storage building, and restroom;
 - (E) any other building or area located on TJJD grounds;
 - (F) any vehicle entering a perimeter fence at a facility operated by TJJD;
 - (G) any state vehicles;
 - (H) any TJJD parking area; and
 - (I) any property under the care, custody, control, or ownership of TJJD.
 - (4) All items seized by the K-9 team must be identified, documented, and submitted to the appropriate TJJD staff member in accordance with [§380.9711](#) of this title.
 - (5) At the entrance of all TJJD parking areas, signs must be posted in English and Spanish noting: "This property is subject to canine inspection and search by law enforcement."
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