



Police Service Dogs, 2020

Data reported to the Director of Police Services, as required by [British Columbia Provincial Policing Standards](#) on the use of Police Service Dogs

2020 BCPPS Police Service Dogs Data¹

	Transit ²	Saanich	VPD	Victoria	West Van	RCMP & LMIPDS ³	BC Total
BCPPS 1.4.3							
2(a): Locations/Apprehensions/Arrests	0	26	426	41	13	1,075	1,581
2(b): Subjects Bitten	0	3	85	5	3	219	315
2(c)(i): Non-Subject Civilians Bitten	0	0	2	0	0	4	6
2(c)(ii): Non-Subject Police Officers Bitten	0	1	5	0	0	3	9
2(d): Authorized Deployments per s.1 of BCPPS 1.4.1⁴							
1(a): Tracks/Searches for Suspects	0	78	800	98	17	4,022	5,015
1(b): Apprehensions by Bite or Display⁵	0	29	426	41	13	578	1,087
1(c): Tracks/Searches for Missing Persons	0	12	1	5	0	406	424
1(d): Searching for Drugs	0	0	0	35	0	183	218
1(e): Searching for Explosives/Firearms	23	0	9	7	0	110	149
1(f): Searching for Evidence	0	31	32	33	2	769	867
1(g): Crowd Control	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1(h): Community Relations/Other Events	44	3	3	6	0	45	101
1(i): Other Uses Approved by Director⁶	0	38	0	0	0	10	48
Perceived Emotional State of Subjects in Apprehensions by Bite^{7,8}							
Subjects listed as emotionally disturbed	0	0	3	0	1	25	29
Subjects NOT listed as emotionally disturbed	0	3	81	5	2	194	285
Rates of Apprehensions by Bite⁹							
Per 1,000 general occurrence reports	0.00	0.10	0.77	0.14	0.29	0.17	0.21

¹The definition of "bite" used in collecting these statistics is the definition set out in the *BC Provincial Policing Standards*: "Bite - a police dog's use of mouth and teeth to grab or hold a person's body or clothes." Unless otherwise indicated, the bite statistics in this report may include incidents which did not result in any injury to a person, as well as accidental bites to police officers. This definition may differ from the definition of "bite" used in other contexts.

²All of Transit Police's police service dogs are specialty detection only dogs.

³Abbotsford, Delta, New Westminster, and Port Moody form part of the RCMP Lower Mainland Integrated Police Dog Service (LMIPDS); these dogs receive the same training and cross jurisdictional boundaries.

⁴A deployment occurs when a police dog performs an operational task, and there can be more than one of type of authorized deployment associated with a single police incident.

⁵These figures do not include unintentional/accidental bites.

⁶This category is intended to include other approved uses that may not clearly fall under existing deployment categories, such as building/compound search and human remains detection. While some deployments counted in this category could potentially fit under the classification for another deployment category, they may not necessarily be counted elsewhere.

⁷Emotional state figures are based on whether the subject was perceived by the officer to be, and recorded by the officer as, an emotionally disturbed person (EDP). As counts of EDP subjects are reflective of an officer's perception and records, they may not be completely reflective of the actual number of EDP subjects. The term "emotionally disturbed person" in the police records management system is defined as "a subject who appears to be mentally unstable and who might pose a threat to an investigator, him/herself, or others."

⁸These figures do not include unintentional/accidental bites, so the sum may not add up to total subjects bitten under 2(b).

⁹General occurrence (GO) reports are typically written when officers are involved in an operational policing response to an incident.