



Police Service Dogs, 2019

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

The following table presents the fourth year of data collected under the requirements of the [BCPPS](#) for Police Service Dogs.

	Transit	Saanich	VPD	Victoria	West Van	RCMP and LMIPDS*	BC Total
BCPPS 1.4.3							
2(a): Locations/Apprehensions/Arrests**	0	55	505	55	26	1,062	1,703
2(b): Subjects Bitten	0	2	101	4	1	183	291
2(c)(i): Non-Subject Civilians Bitten	0	1	4	0	0	4	9
2(c)(ii): Non-Subject Police Officers Bitten	0	0	4	0	0	6	10
2(d): Authorized Deployments per s.1 of BCPPS 1.4.1***							
1(a): Tracks/Searches for Suspects	0	109	965	92	34	3,901	5,101
1(b): Apprehensions by Bite or Display**	0	27	515^	52	26	926	1,546
1(c): Tracks/Searches for Missing Persons	0	10	0	1	1	264	276
1(d): Searching for Drugs	0	0	4	31	1	321	357
1(e): Searching for Explosives/Firearms	31	0	43	21	0	281	376
1(f): Searching for Evidence	0	25	41	40	10	1,046	1,162
1(g): Crowd Control	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1(h): Community Relations/Other Events	60	19	38	40	4	159	320
1(i): Other Uses Approved by Director	0	18	0	0	0	22	40

Notes:

The definition of “bite” used in collecting these statistics is the definition set out in the BCPPS: “Bite - a police dog’s use of mouth and teeth to grab or hold a person’s body or clothes.” This means that the provincial statistics 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.

*Abbotsford, 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.

**Unless specified, these figures do not include unintentional/accidental bites.

***An authorized deployment may fall under more than one of the deployment categories listed below.

^VPD’s “Apprehensions by Bite or Display” figure includes unintentional/accidental bites of subjects and non-subjects. As such, this figure is greater than VPD’s “Locations/Apprehensions/Arrests” figure, which does not include unintentional/accidental bites.