

**RESOLUTION #99-7**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING  
A CANINE POLICY FOR THE BOISE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

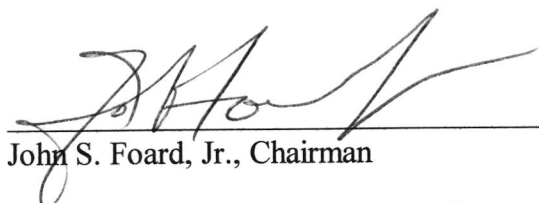
**WHEREAS**, the Boise County Board of Commissioners has received a version of the Boise County Sheriff Department Canine Policy; and


**WHEREAS**, diligent review and discussion of the new policy has been held by the Board, Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Resolution # 99-7, shall be known as the Boise County Sheriff Department Canine Policy.

That Boise County reserves the right to make any changes deemed necessary.

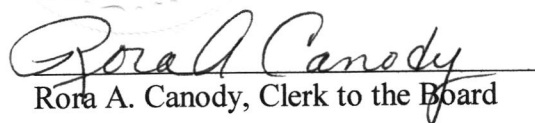
**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Boise County Board of Commissioners in open session on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1998.

  
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John S. Foard, Jr., Chairman

  
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John N. Dyer, Commissioner

  
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Harold E. Raper, Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Rora A. Canody, Clerk to the Board

**BOISE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT  
CANINE POLICY**

**POLICY NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATED:** 11-16-98

Canine Unit

The purpose of this policy is to set forth Departmental policies and procedures regarding the Canine Unit. These policies and procedures will govern Department Personnel as well as the use of Tracking Dogs, Narcotics Detection Dogs, Bomb Detection Dogs and Police Dogs.

I. INTRODUCTION

Properly trained tracking, narcotics detection, bomb detection and police dogs are valuable law enforcement tools. Appropriate deployment of these dogs enhances the safety of both deputies and citizens while increasing the Department's ability to capture criminals, find lost or missing persons, and locate items of evidence. The efficiency with which these dogs complete these tasks can greatly reduce the number of hours usually required by deputies to perform such duties.

II. DEFINITIONS

A. Canine

The term "Canine" means all dogs used by this Department for Tracking or Searching, Narcotics Detection, Bomb Detection, Apprehension of Criminal Suspects or Protection of Department Personnel, and Public Relations and Education.

B. Properly Trained Canine

The term "Properly Trained Canine" means a dog that has undergone training to perform specific tasks and has been certified by a P.O.S.T. canine evaluator as meeting current P.O.S.T. canine standards.

C. Reasonably Necessary Force

The use of force is reasonably necessary when it is used to accomplish lawful objectives and to the extent necessary in light of the circumstances confronting deputies and employees.

III. DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES

A. The Boise County Sheriff Department authorizes the deployment of properly trained canines under the following circumstances:

1. Assist deputies in searching for and arresting criminal suspects.
2. Assist deputies in searching for lost or missing persons.
3. Pursue and apprehend criminal suspects who are attempting to evade arrest.
4. Provide protection to canine handlers if attacked by a suspect.
5. Assist deputies in locating items of evidence.
6. Assist deputies in locating explosive devices.
7. Assist in public relations and education appearances for the Department.