

## **Job Opportunity: Drugs Detection Dog Handler**

**Organisation:** Orkney Drugs Dog (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Reg No SC047543)

**Location:** Kirkwall, Orkney

**Salary:** £27,000–£35,000 (upon completion of training)

**Contract:** Full-time and part-time opportunities, Permanent (subject to funding)

**Hours:** 35 hrs per week, shift pattern including evenings & weekends

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### **About Us**

Orkney Drugs Dog is a community-focused charity working to keep Orkney safe. We support Police Scotland and local partners to reduce the supply and misuse of harmful substances. Through education, engagement and specialist drug detection work, we play a vital role in promoting community wellbeing and safety.

We are now seeking a dedicated and motivated **Drugs Detection Dog Handler** to join our small but impactful team.

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### **The Role**

As a Dog Handler, you will work with a trained drugs detection dog (or dogs) to support efforts to prevent illegal substances entering Orkney. This includes operational searches at ports, airports, freight depots, postal facilities, public spaces and community events.

You will also deliver education and awareness sessions across schools, businesses and community groups, helping increase understanding of substance misuse and the charity's work.

This post includes a requirement to be a Special Constable with Police Scotland, allowing you to contribute directly to public safety while upholding the service's professional standards.

All relevant information regarding the role of Special Constable can be found by following this link: [Special Constable - Police Scotland](#)

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### **Key Responsibilities**

- Deploy drug detection dog(s) across a range of operational environments
- Maintain all aspects of dog welfare, exercise, grooming and health
- Undertake regular training and ensure dog(s) remain at operational standard

- Work independently while coordinating activity with the Operations Lead
  - Maintain accurate operational and training records
  - Deliver presentations and engagement sessions to a range of audiences
  - Promote the charity and contribute to fundraising where needed
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## **About You**

We're looking for someone who is:

### **Essential**

- Able and willing to become a Special Constable with Police Scotland
- A clear and confident communicator with strong interpersonal skills
- Highly motivated, proactive and able to work autonomously
- Comfortable working with partner agencies and the public
- Holder of a clean Full UK Driving Licence
- Able to maintain detailed records and follow organisational procedures
- Fit enough to manage the physical demands of the role
- Willing to keep the charity's dog(s) in suitable kennelling at your home

### **Desirable**

- Experience in dog handling or dog training
  - Qualified dog handler
  - Experience delivering presentations or running engagement sessions
  - Knowledge of drug types and current drug-related trends
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## **Working Conditions**

- Up to 35 hours per week, including evenings and weekends. Applications from candidates seeking part-time work will also be considered.
- Outdoor and indoor working across a variety of environments
- Travel required within Orkney and occasionally to mainland UK
- Lone working will be required at times
- Full training provided, including Home Office-approved dog handler training

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## Why Join Us?

This is a unique opportunity to:

- Make a meaningful difference to the safety and wellbeing of your community
- Work closely with a specialist detection dog
- Build strong partnerships across police, health, education and community sectors
- Develop specialist skills through fully supported training

The successful applicant will;

- Receive 32 days paid annual leave entitlement per annum
- Have use of a company vehicle for work related activity
- Be provided with a company uniform

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## How to Apply

To obtain an application pack visit our website

<https://orkneydrugsdog.co.uk/join-us/> or for an informal discussion about the role, please email [recruitment@orkneydrugsdog.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@orkneydrugsdog.co.uk)

Applications are welcome from candidates with diverse backgrounds and experiences.

We are committed to equality, safeguarding, and creating a safe environment for all.