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Our Ref: eCase: FOI2015/09552 RFI: 221/15  
Date: 16 November 2015

Dear [REDACTED],

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: POLICE DOG  
'LIVE CAST' POLICY AND APPLICATION DOCUMENTS**

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 23 October 2015.

We are treating your letter as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your letter you requested the following information:

**"Copy of 'Live Cast' Policy and Associated documents and Application Documents in relation to a police dog**

**I should be grateful if could forward to me the above documents regarding a police dog that was released to my brother."**

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Please see the documents attached at Annex A, which have been redacted to remove all personal information in accordance with section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you are not satisfied with this response or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely

**MDP Sec Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office**

**Extract regarding 'Live Cast' from Ministry of Defence Police Standard Operating Procedures**

**7.27 Live Cast/ Return procedures**

7.27.1 The MDP have adopted the agreed DAC procedures in full (Annex D), all such requests will be coordinated by the respective FDO's. No paperwork is to be submitted without the appropriate governance.

**Annex D**

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| <b>Policy No</b> | 08/14 |
|------------------|-------|

| <b>DEFENCE ANIMAL CENTRE POLICY</b> |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>TITLE:</b>                       | MWD RETURN/RETRAIN |
| <b>VERSION NO:</b>                  | 03                 |
| <b>DATE CREATED:</b>                | 06 JUN 2012        |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>                      | [REDACTED]         |
| <b>REVIEW DATE:</b>                 | 14 Jan 16          |

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Due to the Defence Transformation Process and the likely reduction to the total MWD population across Defence as a whole, the DAC must be prepared to receive MWD for assessment for possible retraining or disposal.

**AIM**

2. The aim of this policy is to give clear direction concerning the management of all requests for return of MWD for assessment.

**RETURN PROCEDURE**

3. The following procedure must be adhered to in all cases:

- a. Requests for MWD to be returned to the DAC will only be accepted from recognised agency inspectorate VSTAT/PMDI/DEO/FDO/QMSI/CT.

- b. Requests to return MWD (Annex A) must be completed and submitted to the CT CTS or SSgt Trg for remount and VO VTS for veterinary. A minimum of 10 days prior to the desired return date is to enable the request to be properly considered and either approved or rejected.
- c. If the request to return the MWD to the DAC is accepted, the CT or SSgt Trg should coordinate a mutually convenient return date with the relevant inspectorate for return of the MWD from the referring authority. An appointment should also be made to enable Veterinary Inspection on arrival.
- d. All MWDs returned to the DAC must be accompanied by their handler or a handler from the dispatching unit who is able to handle the dog during any assessment. The following are to be presented on arrival prior to Inspection/assessment of MWD:
- (i) Up-to-date Pan Picture.
  - (ii) Service Dog Record (Part 1 & 2).
  - (iii) AFO Transfer of Army Animals.
- e. If the request to return the MWD to DAC is rejected, the CT will in conjunction with OC CTS reply in writing to the referring authority, stating the reasons for rejection and suggested COA(s).

#### **ASSESSMENT**

4. The following procedure must be adhered to in all cases:
- a. Once a MWD has been returned to DAC, ownership must be formally transferred to the DAC/HQ ARTD unless a prior agreement to retain ownership has already been prearranged with the DAC.
  - b. A further period of assessment of the MWD(s) suitability for continued service, transfer to the training fleet, sale or euthanasia will then be undertaken by CTS/VTS and presented to the CT or SSgt Trg for endorsement within 21 days. The outcome of the assessment should be notified to the relevant inspectorate together with DAC's direction on disposal.

#### **SUMMARY**

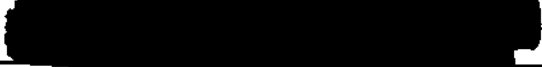
5. This policy offers clear guidelines to all personnel with regard to the return of MWD for assessment/retraining to DAC. All personnel are to be fully conversant with this policy.

DIRECTOR ARMY VETERINARY  
&  
REMOUNT SERVICES

SERVICE DOG LIVE CAST  
APPLICATION FORM

Name: NURBO

Number: 0077

Unit: 

Classification: PLC 1

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

## GUIDANCE NOTES FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO LIVE CASTING A SERVICE DOG

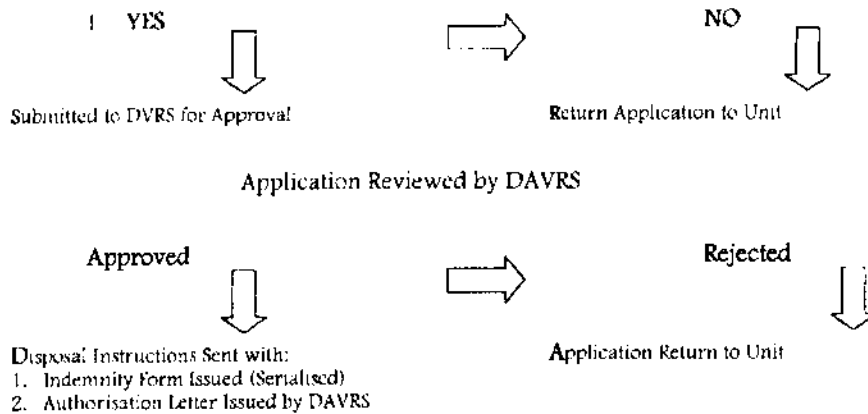
1. The live casting of service dogs is the responsibility of the Director Army Veterinary & Remount Services (DAVRS).
2. To aid the application process it is imperative that as much detail as possible is produced on the suitability of both the dog (temperament, health) and that of the prospective owner.
3. Therefore to aid the application process and to standardise its format, the following Guide has been produced and must be followed for all applications to live cast service dogs.

a. Action by the VSET / PMDI / MDP DI<sup>1</sup>

- Applicant's letter received and endorsed by the relevant Service Dog Inspectorate
- Training / Suitability Report completed by relevant Service Dog Inspectorate (including DAVRS 164 if training)
- Live Cast Veterinary Evaluation Report completed (by a Military Veterinary Surgeon & including DAVRS 164 if Veterinary)
- All supporting Documentation & Animal History Sheet forwarded to DAVRS<sup>2</sup>.

b. When DAVRS staff have received the Application, the following action will be taken:

Is the Application Complete?



<sup>1</sup> Authorised to process applications for live cast from their respective service.

<sup>2</sup> Incomplete applications will not be considered, and will be returned to sender.

LIVE CAST DATABASE REGISTRATION SHEET

Original Animal Holding Unit (Full Postal Address)

[REDACTED]

Tel/Fax

[REDACTED]

ANIMALS DETAILS

Name: NURBO

Service Number: 0077

Sex: MALE

Classification: GSD

Colour: BLACK

NEW OWNERS DETAILS

Full Name: [REDACTED]

Full Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

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DAVRS USE ONLY

Live Cast Date and Authorisation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Details Entered in to Live Cast Database:*

*Date:*


*Initials:*

**CANINE LIVE CAST EVALUATION REPORT** (Appropriate Dog Inspectorate)

1. Animal Details

|               |                |                |       |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| Name & Number | NURBO 0077     | Breed          | GSD   |
| Sex           | MALE           | Colour         | Black |
| Age           | 7 yrs 8 months | Classification | GPPD  |

2. Training Evaluation

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Obedience                                  | See Pen Picture  |
| Trained Operational Standard               | General Purpose Police Dog   |
| Previous History (to include bite reports) | No Bites Recorded  |
| General Temperament                        | Nurbo is a very even tempered dog  |
| Handlers Suitability                       |  has handled Nurbo for the last 5 years and 6 months since issued from DAC. |



3. Summary

See attached Pen Picture.


Is the Dog Suitable for Dog Course at DAC?  
Recommended for Live Cast (delete as  
appropriate)


Not Recommended for Live Cast (delete as  
appropriate)

Name: 

Signature:

Date:

| VETERINARY LIVE CAST EVALUATION REPORT (Civilian Veterinary Surgeon) |   |                              |                  |
|--|---|------------------------------|------------------|
| Examining Veterinary Officer   |  | <del>Fit for Live Cast</del> | Fit to Live Cast |

|                |                  |  |               |
|----------------|------------------|--|---------------|
| Name:<br>NURBO | Number:<br>0077  | Unit:<br> | Date:         |
| Breed:<br>GSD  | Colour:<br>Black | Sex:<br>Male   | Age:<br>7Y 8M |

| Vaccinations / Anthelmintic History    |                                 |                     |  |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Vaccine Type: NOBIVAC DHPPI<br>LEPTO 2 | Batch No:<br>C033C01<br>A219A01 | Next Due: Sept 2015 |  |
| Anthelmintic Type:                     | Milbemax                        | Next Due: 10/05/15  |  |

| Examination |                          |          |   |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------|---|
| Normal      | System Evaluated         | Abnormal | Comments (Details / Treatments to be entered on B270) |
|             | General Condition        |          |   |
|             | Gait / Conformation      |          |   |
|             | Skin & Coat              |          |   |
|             | Circulatory              |          |   |
|             | Respiratory              |          |   |
|             | Musculoskeletal          |          |   |
|             | Oral cavity / Teeth      |          |   |
|             | Ears                     |          |   |
|             | Eyes                     |          |   |
|             | Digestive                |          |   |
|             | Reproductive / Prostrate |          |   |
|             | External Lymphatic       |          |   |

Veterinary Summary (to include significant previous conditions or illness):

|  |
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|  |
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| Veterinary Officers Recommendation |   |  |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
|                                    | √ |  |
| Fit for Live Cast                  | √ |  |
| Un Fit for Live Cast               |   |  |
| Fit For Dog Course                 |   |  |

**Return of Dogs Proposed for Live Casting From MoD Service and Their Subsequent Disposal**

**PART ONE PARTICULARS OF ANIMALS**

| Number | Name  | Colour | Sex  | Age (yrs) | Service (yrs) | Classification |
|--------|-------|--------|------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| 0077   | NURBO | Black  | Male | 7Y 8M     | 5 Yrs 6 Mths  | PLC 1          |

**PART TWO REASON FOR LIVE CASTING**

| Old & Worn Out | Failing to Maintain Standards | Unsuitable for Further MoD Service | Veterinary (see page 7 for details) | Other (give details) |
|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| X              |                               | X                                  |                                     |                      |

**PART THREE LIVE CAST APPLICANTS DETAILS**

| Rank/Grade | Full Name  | Address    | Tel No     |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Constable  | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |

**PART FOUR UNIT DECLARATION**

We certify that the animal detailed above has been inspected by us and we consider it to be unsuitable for further military service for the reason stated in Part Two and we therefore recommend that they be cast forthwith.

| Veterinary Officer |
|--------------------|
| Rank/Name:         |
| Signature          |
| Date:              |

| Commanding Officer |
|--------------------|
| Rank/Name:         |
| Signature          |
| Date:              |

**PART FIVE CASTING AUTHORITY (DAVRS)**

| Rank | Name | Approved | Rejected | Signature | Remarks |
|------|------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|
|      |      |          |          |           |         |

| Handling by an unknown individual:               |                              | General Assessment        |                              |   |     |     |                                       |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|
| On leash   |                              | x                         |                              |   |     |     | Assessed by PC [REDACTED]<br>Handler. |
| Off leash  |                              | x                         |                              |   |     |     |                                       |
| Physical inspection of head and neck             |                              | x                         |                              |   |     |     |                                       |
| Physical inspection of body, legs/paws and tail  |                              | x                         |                              |   |     |     |                                       |
| Acceptance of lifting                            |                              | x                         |                              |   |     |     |                                       |
| Putting on and removing collar and leash         |                              | x                         |                              |   |     |     |                                       |
| <b>Behaviour with children if safe to assess</b> |                              |                           |                              |   |     |     |                                       |
|  |                              | N/K                       | N/K                          | N/K   | N/K | N/K |                                       |
|  |                              | N/K                       | N/K                          | N/K   | N/K | N/K |                                       |
| <b>Information supplied by [REDACTED]</b>        |                              |                           |                              |   |     |     |                                       |
| Interactions with other dogs                     | Can kennel with              | Can lead walk with        | Prefers males                | Description of behaviours:  |     |     |                                       |
|  | N/K                          | x                         |                              | [REDACTED] states that Nurbo has had no issues with any dogs that he has come across, as he tends to ignore them. |     |     |                                       |
| Behaviour with food, toys and treats             | Can free run with            | Cannot mix                | Prefers females              | Description of behaviours:  |     |     |                                       |
|  | N/K                          |                           | x                            | Nurbo has no issues with his feeding.<br>Nurbo will accept treats and chews calmly. He also loves his toy reward. |     |     |                                       |
| Behaviour in and around vehicles                 | Food                         | Treats                    | Toys                         | Description of behaviours:  |     |     |                                       |
|  | Does not eat well            | Shows no interest         | ignores                      | Description of behaviours: Enters vehicle on command without hesitation.  |     |     |                                       |
|  | Balks food                   | Carries but does not show | Sitts                        | No adverse behaviours in or around vehicles   |     |     |                                       |
|  | Over excited when given bowl | Attempts to bury/hide     | Chases but does not retrieve |   |     |     |                                       |
|  | Guards food                  | Chews calmly              | Guards                       |   |     |     |                                       |
|  | Eats Normally                | Chews enthusiastically    | Plays                        |   |     |     |                                       |
| Gets in without hesitation                       |                              | Needs being               | Refuses to get in            |   |     |     |                                       |
| Travels well                                     |                              | Barks                     | Whines                       |   |     |     |                                       |
| Anxious  |                              | Fights                    | Aggressive                   |   |     |     |                                       |

**BEHAVIOUR ASSESSMENT OF MILITARY WORKING DOGS**

**Name:** NURBO 0077      **Chip No:**      **Classification:** PLC

**DOB/Age:** 09/08/2007      **Breed:** GSD      **Sex:** Male

| Assessment Criteria | Assessment Grading |           |             |         |            | Comments |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|---------|------------|----------|
|                     | Friendly           | Excitable | Indifferent | Fearful | Aggressive |          |

**Behaviour in kennel**

|  |   |  |  |  |  |   |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|
|  | x |  |  |  |  | Quiet in Kennel, excitable when approached. |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|

**Behaviour in a new environment**

|  | On leash | Off leash |  |  |  |   |
|--|----------|-----------|--|--|--|---|
|  | x        |           |  |  |  | Information supplied by [REDACTED] - Dogs Handler |
|  |          | x         |  |  |  |   |

**Handling by a known individual:**

| Off leash   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Muzzle acceptance   | x |  |  |  |  |  |
| Physical inspection of head and neck, including opening mouth to inspect teeth and gums | x |  |  |  |  |  |
| Physical inspection of body, legs/paws and tail   | x |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acceptance of fitting   | x |  |  |  |  |  |
| Putting on and removing collar, muzzle and harness                                      | x |  |  |  |  |  |

General Comments:

Nurbo has been deemed unfit to work by the Local Vet due to Spondylitis and early stages of CDRM. He is a very friendly and approachable dog. I would have no issues with Live Casting this dog to [redacted] who has been his Handler for the last 5 years and 6 months.

Is the MWD:

- a. ~~Fit for training~~
- b. ~~Re-eligible~~
- c. ~~Use for source~~
- d. Suitable for re-homing
- e. ~~Humanne death~~

Yes /No

\*delete as appropriate

Assessment conducted by:

|         |            |            |            |            |            |              |            |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Number: | [redacted] | Rank:      | [redacted] | Name:      | [redacted] | Appointment: | [redacted] |
| Date:   | 14/04/15   | Signature: | [redacted] | [redacted] |            |              |            |

PEN PICTURE  
POLICE DOG NURBO 0077  
AGE 7 YEARS 8 MONTHS  
DOB AUG 2007

HANDLER 

**TRACKING:** Nurbo is a very good rural and urban tracker being positive in the harness when on track and giving good negatives. He is totally focused and not easily distracted. Nurbo will locate an article on track, stopping briefly before moving on in order to complete the track.

**PROPERTY SEARCH:** Nurbo is very good at his property search and will drive out and sweep the whole area before systematically locating the articles. He is very good at listening to his handler, turning on command. He has a very positive set on any found article where he will stand and face his handler, letting him know the exact location of the property found.

**OPEN AREA AND BUILDING SEARCH:** Nurbo is very good at open area and building search. He tends to love this aspect of his work and will drive on until person or persons are found.

**USE OF FORCE:** Nurbo is very willing to chase and detain. He has a very clean bite, terminating on the first command.

**GUN ATTACK:** Nurbo is committed to the attack and has no hesitation in engaging the sleeve.

**STAND OFF AND EMERGENCY STOP:** Nurbo is a very obedient dog, and will terminate or stand off on the first command. He will keep his position until instructed otherwise, unless the decoy attempts to escape or attack.

**CROWD AWARENESS:** No problems with crowd awareness and calms down quickly in order to patrol back through a passive crowd.

**OBEDIENCE:** Nurbo has no problems with obedience, which is a very strong aspect of his work. He is always willing to please.

**AGILITY:** Due to Nurbo's ill health he is less agile.

**PLAY:** Nurbo is a joy as he is a very affectionate and person-loving dog.

**MUZZLING:** Nurbo will accept the muzzle without issue, from the handler, kennel staff and other Police Dog handlers.

**HEALTH:** Nurbo has attended the vets for the last four to five years, due to ill health, ranging from skin conditions to intestinal conditions, to lameness. And laterally, spondylitis and early signs of CDRM.

**FOOD:** 350 grams x twice daily.



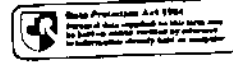
**GENERAL OVERVIEW:** Nurbo has been an excellent Police Dog during the 5 and a half years of being teamed up with him. He has always achieved his licence without any great difficulty. Nurbo is a great all round dog who enjoys play and loves to please his handler.

**VICES:** No vices.

**CONCLUSION:** Nurbo is 7 years and 8 months old. His outlook looks bleak due to his ill health. He has now been declared unfit to work. I think he deserves to spend the rest of his life at home with myself and my wife who can support him and look after all his needs.



# MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE GENERAL APPLICATION FORM



Staff No: [REDACTED] Full Name: [REDACTED]

Rank:  No: [REDACTED] Div: [REDACTED]

Station: [REDACTED] Date:

Subject: LIVE CAST OF POLICE DOG 0077 NURBO

Sir,

1. I respectfully request that I be granted permission to live cast my current Police Dog 0077 NURBO, who is now 7 years 8 months old. During the last vet visit in April 2015 it was advised that NURBO was no longer fit to work.
2. I have discussed this application with my wife who is fully supportive of NURBO coming home. I already have a pet dog at home but have no concerns with either dog once they have been introduced correctly.
3. I am currently living in a detached home with a secure fully fenced garden. In addition, I have grassed areas fields, and country walks surrounding my home.
4. I have handled NURBO since October 2009. He has always been very well behaved and obedient around people and other dogs. He is of a fantastic nature, being friendly with everyone he meets.
5. NURBO has no unprovoked bites or aggression reports against him.
6. I have handled NURBO for almost 6 years, and have built a great bond with him. We have successfully licensed every year.
7. I have familiarised myself with MDP/DAC Live Casting of MWD Procedures. Further to this, I am also aware that if successful, public liability insurance will be required and that any future costs (veterinary –food etc) will be borne by me. NURBO is on medication for life, which I am happy to cover.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

1. I forward you this Application which has been submitted by [REDACTED] in order to Livecast his current GPPD "NURBO" now that the dog has come to the end of its working life. This fact was stated during the last visit to the Vets when it was diagnosed with Spondylosis and Possible Early CDRM and classed as Unfit for Duty. Due to this I do not believe that DAC will wish to have the dog returned to them.

2. I have checked the records and there are no Bites or unprovoked aggression reports raised against this dog. I therefore have no hesitation in recommending that this application is forwarded through the [REDACTED] Chain of Command to OCC Compliance Dept and eventually to FDO (N). All other forms that are required have been completed and await the outcome of this General Application.

3. Forwarded for further approval and onward transmission.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1. Having read through the contents of this report, I would concur with [REDACTED] recommendations.

2. Forwarded for consideration.

[REDACTED]