



# Canine Services protect sensitive sites under construction

## Dogs' unique capabilities to cover large areas offer adaptable interim security

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### About the site

Data centres are the beating heart of modern business operations that fundamentally protect business continuity, profitability and the firm's data storage integrity.

These large, dedicated infrastructures are built to complex specifications and the nature of their operations place high demand on power, cooling and security.

Securitas has a global contract with one of the world's leading data centre providers to help protect its sites in locations across the globe.

### The story in brief:

- Our client had commissioned the building of three bespoke data centres on UK greenfield sites.
- The first stage of construction was nearing completion on all three, but key utilities and security services were yet to be installed.
- In the absence of CCTV, large exterior areas of the sites were blind spots, particularly at night.
- As an interim enhanced security measure, our Canine Services division rapidly deployed security dog teams across all three sites, each working specific shifts to meet the security risk profile at site.

### Fast facts

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Sector  
Technology

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Location  
UK

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Services  
Canine Services  
(General Purpose  
Security Dogs)





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### An effective interim option

Our client, a leading provider of data centres, relies on Securitas' protective services at numerous locations worldwide.

This client had been contracted by one of their key UK customers to build three new data centres on separate greenfield sites. Securitas was brought on board to provide both short and long-term security solutions at each location.

The main construction work on all three data centres was nearing completion, but installation of utilities and services, including electronic surveillance and monitoring systems, was still work in progress.

During this period the sites were particularly vulnerable to criminal activity, trespassers and vandals, prompting the need for an interim and adaptable security solution.

During the day, our security officers were managing access control on-site, but at night the scale of the site and absence of CCTV, combined with muddy post-construction ground and winter weather, called for a different approach – the deployment of our Canine Services. "We discussed the canine unit with our customer," explains our client, "They agreed that in the absence of a functioning Security Management System, General Purpose Security Dogs would be an effective tool for patrolling and protecting the large open areas."

### Exceptional powers

Our security dog teams are a highly visible deterrent, ideally suited to patrolling expansive site exteriors. With their exceptional hearing and sense of smell, the dogs will pick up on the presence of intruders – even in the dark – and alert their handlers to enable further investigation.

Each dog is licensed solely to their own handler, with whom they develop a unique bond, and each dog and handler team is managed by one of our local branch offices.

The skills and experience of these teams is underpinned by the speed with which we can deploy them. In this case, we had seven handler and dog teams fully briefed and ready to go on-site within a week (one team per night at each of the three data centres, with extra capacity for shift relief and resilience).

"The rapid deployment across three sites was very effective," confirms our client. Each security dog team works a 12-hour shift, patrolling every hour; reports are logged at the end of each patrol and a consolidated report uploaded at the end of the night.

We also provide specialist drug and explosive detection dog teams for deployment in busy, sensitive environments such as airports and logistics sites.

Whatever the requirement, we are responsive and flexible; our security teams may be deployed for just one night or several years or, as in this case, as an adaptable interim solution.

### What can we do for you?

To find out more about how our solutions-led approach could support your security needs please get in touch.

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