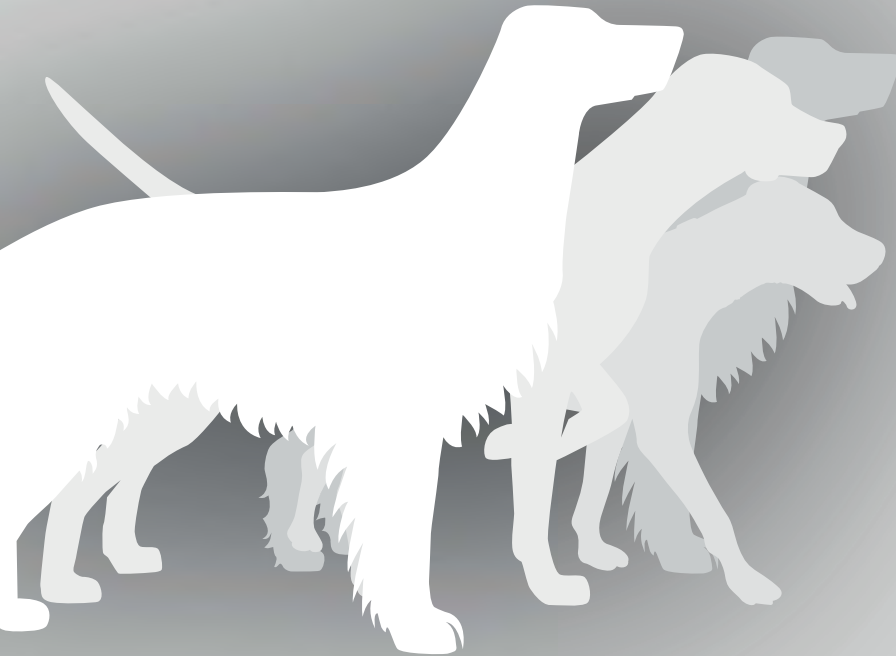




# MRA CANINE UNIT (K9)



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## “We Protect the Society”

Among the main tasks of the Mauritius Revenue Authority, besides taxation, is the fight against drug trafficking and illegal cross border transaction of money.

A K9 Unit comprising of 4 sniffer dogs was set up in 2004 to address specifically the above issues. Since then, the MRA K9 Unit has expanded and as at 02/12/2021 the unit comprises of 17 sniffer dogs, each manned by a dedicated handler. These dogs are deployed at the Port, the Airport, courier services and the Parcel Post office.

In order to achieve best possible results, the Customs Department of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) makes effective use of drug detector dogs. These detector dogs provide Customs with one of the most effective tools in the detection of contraband. Detector dogs are highly efficient in their ability to accurately locate the source of a scent.

During the past years the dogs have contributed significantly in the seizure of substantial quantities of illicit drugs at the port, airport and postal services.

Below is a summary of Drug seizures

<b>ACHIEVEMENTS</b>		
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CASES</b>	<b>TOTAL STREET VALUE (Rs)</b>
2014	12	139,137,289
2015	15	140,952,730
2016	18	108,617,834
2017	30	2,676,665,491
2018	51	371,394,874
2019	41	241,200,000
2020	45	166,096,000
2021	37	332,077,000

## “Help Us to Serve You”

To achieve optimum results, the drug detector dogs must be well trained and work in a conducive environment. When you see MRA Customs sniffer dogs/handlers at work in operational deployment area, for instance, in passenger terminal, please do not try to reach them for a pat. Approaches from unfamiliar people may distract the dog.



## “About our Dogs”

Dogs have one of the most acute senses of smell among all creatures in the world. This not only allows them to detect the presence of prohibited or regulated substances, but more importantly, to pinpoint any hides or concealments. Our dogs are assessed entirely on the basis of their own characteristics which include hunting and retrieval instinct, temperament, approachability, stamina, acuity, and defence.

It is the dog's sense of smell together with the dog handler's experience and knowledge of hiding places, smuggling methods, as well as the handler's familiarity with narcotics that make it possible to increase the efficiency of detection. Close cooperation between the dog and the handler is a prerequisite for good results.

## Areas and places of Operations of Drug detector Dogs

- Courier Services
- Parcel Post Office
- Airport, Port and Freight Stations
  - Port (Container Terminals, Customs Freight Stations)
- Luggage on Carrousel:
  - SSR International Airport, Yu Lounge
  - Aurelie Perrine Passenger Terminal, Christian Decotter Cruise Terminal
- PATS Warehouse
- Ground 2 Air Warehouse



A light gray silhouette of a person walking a dog. The person is on the right, leaning forward, and the dog is on the left, walking towards the left. The background is white.

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