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DEPARTMENT

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No. C3-121686/2019/PHQ  
Police Headquarters, Kerala  
Thiruvananthapuram-695 010  
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CIRCULAR No. 27/2018

Sub:- Kerala Police – K9 Squad – Performance & Evaluation of Dogs –  
Instructions – Reg.

Read:- 1) PHQ Circular 57/2009 dtd 31/12/2009.  
2) Executive Directive No.42/2018 dtd 08/10/2018.  
3) PHQ Proceedings of even no. dtd 08/09/2019.

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In Kerala, the use of Dogs in Police work was started in 1959 by establishing a kennel at Thiruvananthapuram with 3 Alsation Dogs. Now there are 21 K9 Squad with well trained Dogs and Handlers in all the 19 Police Districts, Railway Police Unit and India Reserve Battalion.

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02. The Dog squad have been renamed as K9 Squads as per Executive Directive No. 42/2018 dtd 8/10/2018 and the K9 Squad is the symbol of loyalty and courage of Kerala Police.

03. Henceforth, ADGP AP Bn., the State Nodal Officer of K9 Squad, will conduct competition among the Police Dogs to find out the best **Sniffer Dogs, Tracker Dogs, Rescue Dogs, Patrol Dogs** etc. every year, in the month of October, so that they can be awarded medals on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, every year (Kerala Piravi day). Such best dogs will be entitled to wear the Kerala Police Canine Medal, instituted vide reference read 3<sup>rd</sup>. Similarly the winner dogs in All India Police Duty Meet will also be entitled to wear this medal.

05. The Jacket of the winning Dogs will contain 3 gold coloured embroidery Stars. They can wear the medal only during the ceremonial occasions. This medal can be attached to the collars of the Dogs. Such collars shall be red/maroon in colour. While participating in the ceremonial dog shows, permitted by the competent authority, the winning dog can wear the medal.