



**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the DoD Military Working Dog Program's Management of Canine Welfare (Project No. D2024-DEV0SV-0071.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject evaluation in April 2024. The objective of this evaluation is to determine whether the Air Force, as the DoD Executive Agent for the DoD Military Working Dog (MWD) Program, is providing MWDs with a high standard of canine welfare, including but not limited to:

- health care;
- kenneling;
- mental and physical wellness;
- training and safety; and
- ethical and humane treatment for MWDs retired from, or not selected for, active service.

This evaluation will include site visits and reviews of records, procedures, processes, and policies. We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives. We plan to perform this evaluation in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency "Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation."

We request that you designate a staff member to serve as our point of contact for this evaluation within **5 days** of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or military equivalent—and knowledgeable of the DoD MWD Program. This knowledge should include: MWD inspection processes, procurement, and retirement management programs; and veterinary services, training, kennel, and other support facility requirements. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email address to [REDACTED]

The Inspector General Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. §§ 401-424, as amended, authorizes us to have access to personnel and materials as we determine necessary to perform our oversight in a timely manner. You can obtain information about the DoD Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense," April 20, 2012, as amended; and DoD Instruction 7050.03, "Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information," March 22, 2013, as amended. Our website is [www.dodig.mil](http://www.dodig.mil).

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

FOR THE INSPECTOR GENERAL:

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