## URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE CANINE UNIT IS RECRUITING!

WE NEED CANINE HANDLERS, SUPPORT STAFF & TRAINERS Training provided

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## WHAT WE DO

Urban Search And Rescue (USAR) canine teams are trained to find survivors trapped due to building collapse in disasters such as earthquakes and cyclones. The dogs are primarily used in the initial stages of response to detect the strongest source of human scent, even if the person cannot be seen and is trapped metres underground.

## Common working and hunting dogs used for USAR are:

- German Shepherds
- Labradors
- Border Collies.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

It's a dog's play drive which motivates them to find trapped survivors.

A dog has about 20 times more olfactory cells than humans



