

GSGSSI BIOSECURITY DOG SEARCH

The aim of the biosecurity dog search is to check vessels and cargo bound for South Georgia for rodents (rats and mice), thus keeping South Georgia rodent-free.

Meet Sammy...



WHAT NEXT?

Once you have applied for your visitor permit you will be contacted by the dog team to arrange an inspection.

1. NO PETTING PLEASE!

During the search please don't pet the dog.

2. NO TREATS!

Please don't offer Sammy food.

3. SAY HI AFTERWARDS!

Sammy will be happy to meet & greet once the search is finished!

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See over for FAQs or contact biosecurity.doghandler@gov.gs for queries & feedback.



FAQs

Where does the search take place?

Vessels are searched **in the Falklands**, before departure to South Georgia.

Which vessels need an inspection?

ALL vessels visiting South Georgia will be required to make themselves available for inspection if they transit via the Falklands.

Which parts of the ship does the dog team need access to?

The dog team will contact you beforehand to explain what areas of the vessel they need to access. **This may include but is not limited to: cargo receiving and storage areas, waste storage, dry stores, moorings and zodiac decks.** The dog team must have access to all areas of the vessel if needed but will not normally search passenger cabins.

What is expected of you?

- It is helpful to have a member of crew available to guide the dog team around the vessel.
- Please refrain from conversing with the handler and touching the detector dog during the search. Absolutely no treats for the dog please!
- The dog team will manage all aspects of safety and navigate obstacles; please only help if you are asked to.
- Once an area has been cleared by the dog, the handler may hide a training aid for the dog to find which helps keep the dog motivated and alert.

How long will the search take?

The length of the search depends on the size of the vessel. **Allow up to 2 hours.**

How long is it valid for?

The search is valid for one trip only. It will not always be possible to complete an inspection but the vessel must make itself available for inspection in Stanley every time it re-enters South Georgia waters.

Can we pet the dog and take photos?

Yes, after the inspection is complete. Our detector dog is friendly and would be happy to meet you and take photos once the search is completed.