

Best Practice: Canine Units

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Location: Puerto Barrios, Guatemala
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Description: The establishment of a canine unit.

Discussion: The port authority established its own canine unit to check for drugs entering the port.

Potential Down-side: None..

Conclusion: The canines are more effective than the electronic means the port has for checking for drugs. In addition to checking containers the canines check all personnel entering the port.

Cost: The initial cost of start up would be high..