



Patrol Canine Presence and Engagement in VADOC Facilities CY2022 through June 2024

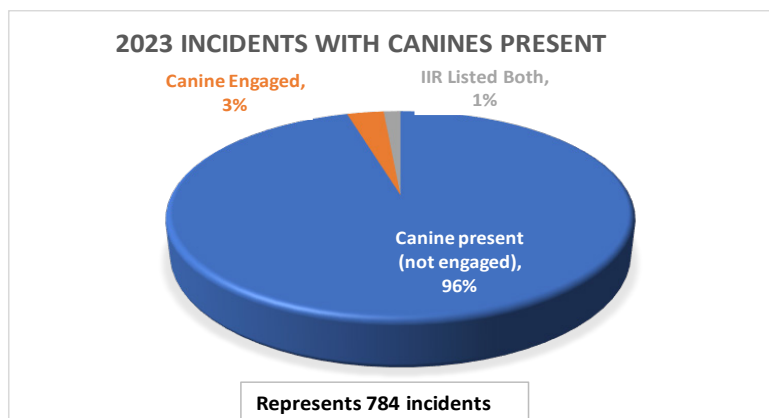
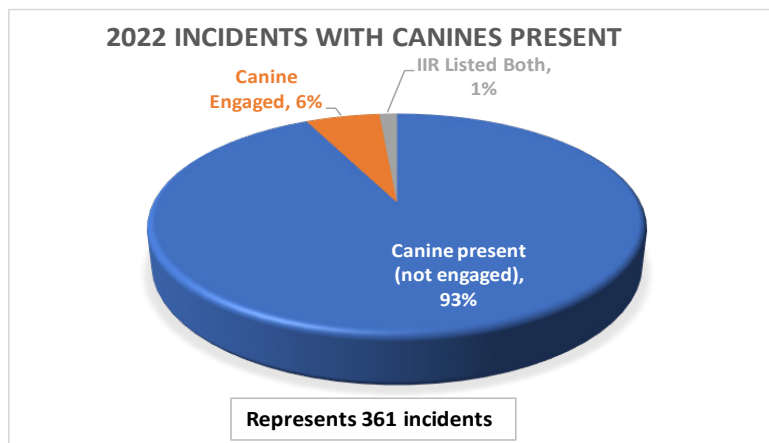
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VADOC utilizes patrol canines to deter inmate violence at its six facilities with the highest security levels. As the charts below show, the mere presence of canines in a DOC facility deters inmates from engaging in behavior that requires force to be used by staff. This report will be updated monthly beginning in August 2024.

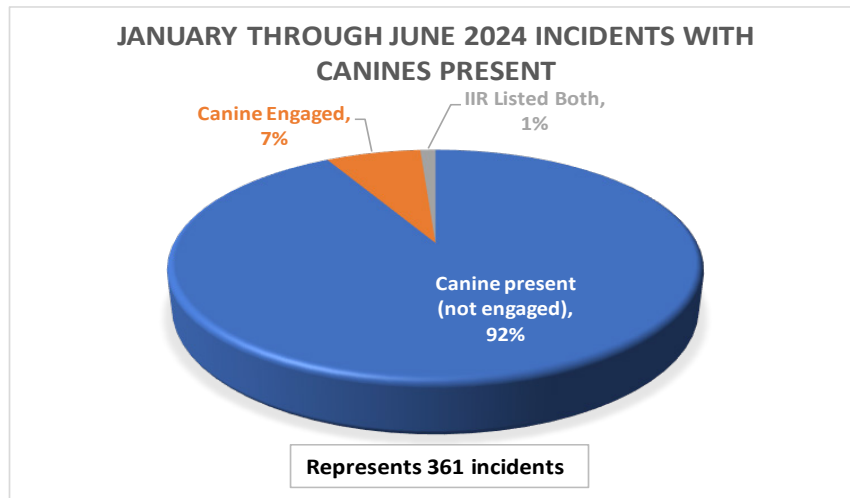
CY2022 and CY2023

- Of the 784 incidents during CY2023 in which canines were present, only 38 (4%) involved the canine actually being engaged. This compares to 7% in CY2022.
- In 93% of incidents with a canine present in CY2022 and 96% in CY2023, there was no canine engagement.



January through June 2024

- Of the 361 incidents between January and June 2024 in which canines were present, only 29 (8%) involved the canine actually being engaged.
- In 92% of incidents with a canine present, there was no canine engagement.



Note: It is possible for a single incident to have both the “canine engaged” and “canine present not engaged” nature for various reasons, including multiple canines responding to a single incident but only one engaging, or a single canine responding to an incident where multiple inmates are present or involved. In these instances, those incidents are counted as “both” only. This is a departure from previous analyses where they were counted in all categories. For purposes of calculating percentage of canine incidents with engagement, the engaged and the “both” categories are counted as engaged.