



Re: Clare Tyson

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I am Martin Almond, the Team Leader in the Greater Manchester Police Dog Training Unit at Hough End, Chorlton, Manchester.

I have been associated with the Police dogs in Greater Manchester since January 1991 when I became a Police dog handler. I first met Clare in May 2000 when she took up a role as a kennel assistant in the Police dog kennels based at Hough End. As a kennel assistant Clare's responsibilities included the care and exercise of all the Police dogs staying in the kennels along with the general maintenance of the hygiene of the kennels which I have to say was an excellent standard.

Greater Manchester Police were responsible for breeding many of their own dogs and after a short time Clare who had shown an obvious aptitude for this type of work was given extra responsibilities in assisting the breed manager in this area. She not only assisted in the breeding /whelping of dogs and puppies but also accompanied the breed manager to many other Police forces throughout the country regarding the selection of puppies to bring into the breeding scheme in Greater Manchester. She eventually became an integral part of the breeding programme, gaining knowledge that benefitted the whole of the dog training unit in relation to blood lines etc. in working dogs.

In May 2008 Clare moved on from Greater Manchester Police to pursue her own career which involved puppy breeding/management and this left a void within the Police puppy breeding programme that was extremely difficult to fill. She did however leave on excellent terms with our best wishes and thanks for all the hard work she had put into her role at the dog training unit.

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