

18 canine teams from the SENASICA receive an award

The canine teams are trained to detect vegetable and animal sourced products at the points where they are mobilized and introduced to Mexico. The Federación Canófila Mexicana awarded 18 canine units from the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development (SADER) for their inspection work at seaports, airports, and border crossings, which has helped to protect our national agro-alimentary assets. According to the agency, the “2019 Work and Service Dog of the Year” award goes to canine teams, consisting of an inspection officer from the National Agro-alimentary Health, Safety and Quality Service (SENASICA) and a dog, who are trained in the detection of vegetable and animal sourced products at the points where they are mobilized and introduced to Mexico. Oso, Frida, Handy, Sebastián, Kairo, Chevy, Jack, Troy, Canelo, Fex, Cimone, Coshka, Dolly, Luna, Dhara, Ambar, Hoogan and Cross are the dogs that received the award.

In 2019, SENASICA officers inspected, with the support of canine units, over 2 million luggage pieces and about 250,000 commercial shipments and seized roughly 800 metric tons of goods suspected to carry pests or diseases that are not present in our country. The SENASICA currently operates 98 canine units that everyday speed-up inspection tasks at the 61 Sanitary Inspection Offices (OISAs), and at many Federal Inspection and Verification Points (PVIFs), located across 26 federated states. The Federation also awarded rescue dogs of the UNAM (Mexican National Autonomous University), the I.A.P. Training Academy for Guide Dogs for Blind People, the State Police of Oaxaca, the State Civil Protection and Firefighting Unit of Jalisco, and the municipal police forces of Ecatepec, Texcoco, and Mexicali. The canine units of the secretariats of Security and Citizen’s Protection, Environment and Natural Resources, National Defense and Navy, and of the Federal Police, Petróleos Mexicanos, and the National Electoral Institute were also awarded.