

What a Dogtastic Job!

We are strengthening the health of the Americas with the support of canine units



Canine inspectors learn their trade at Senasica's Canine School, through training implemented by agronomists, veterinary doctors and expert biologists, by means of challenges and games that foster learning.

As part of the strategy implemented by Senasica to protect Mexico's agro-alimentary heritage, inspection is a key element to prevent pests and diseases of quarantine importance from entering the country, a task that is carried out at 21 ports, 38 airports and 27 points of entry into the country.

This important work can become complicated since pests can be imperceptible to the human eye, so we are prepared to use the best tools, our k-9 binomials.

The trained dogs that make up these binomials, along with their handlers, are specialized in recognizing dozens of scents in luggage and commercial goods entering the country, and they

do it in record time -10 times faster than it would take a person to inspect them.

K-9 inspectors learn their trade at Senasica's k-9 School, through training implemented by agronomists, veterinary doctors and specialist biologists, by means of challenges and games that stimulate learning. In addition to training canines and training their handlers to work in the national territory, Senasica collaborates with Central American and Caribbean nations in this important task.

During 2022, the Agriculture agency integrated 20 canine units, for Dominican Republic, Guatemala and El Salvador, with the objective of strengthening phytosanitary and zoosanitary protection in the Americas region against the risk of introduction and dissemination of pests and diseases in products of plant and animal origin.

For more information: [The Secretariat of Agriculture trains 29 dog handlers for Central America and the Caribbean](#)