

JOINT TRAUMA SYSTEM K9 CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE



Medical Records Documentation (K9 CPG:22)

This CPG provides guidance on documentation of medical records for Military Working Dogs in operational environments.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

1. Updated DD Form 3073 information to reflect newly published DD Form 3073 (April 2025).
2. Added Defense Health Agency Procedural Instruction (DHA-PI) documents for instructions regarding utilization of the DD Form 3073 and DD Form 3074.
3. Updated e-mail for sending completed DD Form 3073 and 3074.
4. Added sections discussing JOMIS and Army medical record documentation platforms that may be encountered when treating canine casualties.

BACKGROUND

This CPG is meant to provide veterinarians, human healthcare providers, canine handlers and other first responders who treat injured or ill military working dogs (MWDs) with recommendations for documentation that will allow them and subsequent providers along the evacuation chain to optimally manage complex, often unstable casualties.

Trauma documentation within the military trauma system supports optimal patient care and performance improvement. Documentation has continuously increased since the Joint Theater Trauma Registry, now known as the Department of Defense Trauma Registry (DoDTR), was initiated in 2004. In 2017 The U.S. Army Veterinary Corps in collaboration with the JTS developed the Military Working Dog Trauma Registry (MWDTR) to capture trauma data as well as disease and non-battle injury (DNBI) data to improve processes and veterinary medical care across the DoD. As part of its data collection efforts, the MWDTR maintains a registry of trauma and DNBI canine patients. The MWDTR documents the demographics, injuries, treatments, and outcomes data for all canine patients in an operational environment (including combat and training operational environments). Sources of data include, but are not limited to, K9 Tactical Combat Casualty Care (K9TCCC) Cards (DD Form 3073), Canine Treatment and Resuscitation Records (DD Form 3074), electronic Veterinary Health Records (eVHR), and USTRANSCOM Regulating and Command & Control Evacuation System (TRAC2ES) reports.

Accurate documentation improves:

- Trauma readiness
- Treatments
- Outcomes
- Standards for care development
- The evaluation of rescue systems
- Casualty response processes
- Prevention measures
- Resource allocation

At conclusion of care, documentation should be carefully reviewed by the responsible healthcare provider for completeness and detail and then forwarded electronically to the receiving veterinarian, if known, and printed for inclusion into the MWD's paper record. Documentation must also be emailed to dha.mwdtraumaregistry@health.mil for inclusion into the DoD MWDTR. The subject line should include the document type, MWD name, tattoo number and date of the incident (i.e. Canine Treatment and Resuscitation Record MWD Ayaks L332 16 August 2018). For US Special Operations Command canines, the documentation (DD 3073 and/or DD 3074) will be filled out and returned to the handler or operator. The handler or operator will route the record(s) to their respective veterinarian to be input into the MWDTR and the canine's eVHR.

DD FORM 3073 K9 COMBAT CASUALTY CARE (K9TCCC) CARD

This form allows for standardized and consistent documentation of prehospital care by the Military Departments for DoD MWDs for trauma and DNBI in operational environments. Instructions on the use of this card are provided in the Defense Health Agency Procedural Instruction (DHA-PI) 6040.47-V5, Implementation Guidance for the Utilization of DD Form 3073, K9 Tactical Combat Casualty Care (K9TCCC) Card.

The K9TCCC Card is filled out by the handler or provider who first attends to the canine's injuries or DNBI. After medical treatment and resuscitation care is provided, the K9TCCC Card must stay with the canine when handed off to the next treatment facility to provide information regarding continuity of care.

At conclusion of care, the K9TCCC Card must be uploaded to the canine's eVHR. The K9TCCC Card will also be emailed to dha.mwdtraumaregistry@health.mil for inclusion into the DoD MWDTR.

The fillable electronic K9TCCC Card is available at:

- https://www.esd.whs.mil/Directives/forms/dd3000_3499/DD3073/
- https://jts.health.mil/assets/docs/forms/K9_DD_3073_APR_2025.pdf

In addition to the DHA-PI 6040.47-V5, instructions for utilization of the DD 3073, K9TCCC Card, can also be found at:

- https://jts.health.mil/assets/docs/forms/General_Instructions_for_the_K9TCCC_Card_v1.1.pdf

DD FORM 3074 CANINE TREATMENT AND RESUSCIATION RECORD

This form will serve as the record of trauma care rendered at DoD Veterinary Treatment Facilities or Military Treatment Facilities, regardless of operational environment, and DNBI in operational environments only.

The form is comprised of two parts.

- Part I, Animal Technician/Nursing Flow Sheet is completed by the Animal Care Specialist (68T), veterinary technician or healthcare personnel fulfilling the role as a scribe or the providing bedside care.
- Part II, Veterinarian/Physician is completed by the veterinarian or physician providing care for the MWD.

Instructions for the use of this form are provided in the DHA-PI 6040.47-V6, Implementation Guidance for the Utilization of DD Form 3074, Canine Treatment and Resuscitation Record.

The DD Form 3074 becomes part of the canine's permanent medical record. For US Special Operations Command canines, the Canine Treatment and Resuscitation Record will be filled out and returned to the handler or operator. The handler or operator will route the record(s) to their respective veterinarian to be input into the MWDTR and the canine's eVHR. The form must also be emailed to dha.mwdtraumaregistry@health.mil for inclusion into the DoD MWDTR.

The fillable electronic worksheet is available at:

- https://www.esd.whs.mil/Directives/forms/dd3000_3499/DD3074/
- https://jts.health.mil/assets/docs/forms/DD_3074_Canine_Treatment_and_Resuscitation_Record.pdf

In addition to the DHA-PI 6040.47-V6, instructions for utilization of the DD 3074 can also be found at:

- https://jts.health.mil/assets/docs/forms/DD_3074_Canine_Treatment_and_Resuscitation_Record_Instructions.pdf

JOMIS PLATFORMS

The JOMIS (Joint Operational Medicine Information Systems) program constitutes the DoD's framework for delivering interoperable medical information technology across military operations. It constitutes a portfolio of applications to modernize solutions for operational medical record documentation. These initiatives include the Battlefield Assisted Trauma Distributed Observation Kit – Joint (BATDOK-J) for point-of-injury documentation, the Operational Medicine Care Delivery Platform (OpMed CDP) for Role 1 and Role 2 care delivery, and Military Health System (MHS) GENESIS-Theater for Role 3 hospital-level documentation. The JOMIS system is designed to function in disconnected, intermittent, and low-bandwidth environments while maintaining data integrity and security compliance, enabling unified medical situational awareness from point-of-injury through definitive care across distributed forward-deployed military medical operations.

BATDOK-J

BATDOK-J is the DoD's standardized system of record for point-of-injury through Role 1 medical documentation, providing mobile electronic health record capabilities on ruggedized devices that function in austere forward environments. BATDOK-J incorporates veterinary-specific clinical workflows and reference libraries enabling combat medics and veterinary personnel to rapidly document canine casualties, including injury assessment, vital signs, treatment interventions, and administered medications – ensuring continuity of care from point of injury through early roles of care. BATDOK-J represents the digitization of Tactical Combat Casualty Cards, including the K9TCCC Card.

OPMED CDP

OpMed CDP provides clinical information system support for health care delivery at human Role 1 aid stations and Role 2 facilities. It integrates with BATDOK-J to enable seamless handoff of point-of-injury data to healthcare providers, allowing real-time reception and management of patient documentation to facilitate evidence-based clinical decision-making and ensure actionable medical intelligence reaches appropriate care providers. This solution also includes veterinary-specific clinical workflows to document treatment provided to canine casualties.

MHS GENESIS - THEATER

MHS GENESIS-Theater (MHSG-T) provides Role 3 forward-deployed hospital facilities with an electronic medical record for comprehensive patient care across all medical and dental specialties. The system operates autonomously in disconnected, intermittent, and low-bandwidth environments. It maintains longitudinal patient records from point-of-injury through hospital-level surgical care via the Operational Medicine Data Service. MHSG-T supports theater hospitals, forward resuscitative sites, and hospital ships with embedded clinical decision support and population health monitoring to enhance patient safety, clinical outcomes, and medical readiness.

Canine records are not maintained primarily in MHS GENESIS – Theater, as canine casualties have typically reached veterinary providers by the time they receive Role 3 care. Treatment and hospitalization records for canines will then be maintained in the eVHR. Any documentation recorded in BATDOK-J or Op Med CDP will be provided to veterinary personnel for inclusion in the canine's eVHR.

ARMY PLATFORMS

Army platforms are managed by OMIS-A, the Operational Medicine Information Systems-Army. This mission of OMIS-A is to provide, support and enhance Army readiness through operational health information technology for deployed service members.

HALO

HALO (Health Assessment Lite Operations) functions as the Army's electronic health record system for Army medical treatment facilities receiving point-of-injury patients. It is a template-based, store-and-forward application developed for operational environments. It allows medical personnel to capture, view, amend, sign or co-sign a patient's SF 600 electronically, even in the absence of network connectivity. Canine casualties can be registered into the HALO platform and capabilities to document canine care are expected to continue to be developed.

PHOENIXMED

PHOENIXMed (Patient Health, Operational Electronic Network Information Exchange Medical) is a web-based application that operates on the Army's Non-classified Internet Protocol Router Network (NIPRNet) and is accessible anywhere where NIPRNet is available. It serves as a cloud-based modernization of HALO. It also functions to provide electronic medical documentation that replaces SF 600 forms. Unlike the HALO system, it is centrally managed by OMIS-A and upgrades are automatic and do not require manual upgrades by users. Canine casualties can also be registered into the PHOENIXMed

platform, but at the time of this publication, no canine specific documentation modules exist. They are planned with future updates.

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APPENDIX A: CLASS VIII MEDICAL MATERIEL

Below is a list of medical material and documentation tools required for this CPG.

1. Canine Trauma Documentation Forms & Records

A. K9 Tactical Combat Casualty Care Card (DD 3073)

- Filled out by the handler or provider who first provides care
- Must stay with the canine and accompany them through evacuation

B. Canine Treatment and Resuscitation Record (DD 3074)

- Two parts:
 - Part I: Animal technician/nursing flow sheet
 - Part II: Veterinarian/physician section

2. Supporting Documentation Tools

A. Electronic Documentation & Upload Tools

- Scanner or mobile document capture device – for uploading completed DD 3073 and DD 3074 into the Trauma Registry or electronic Veterinary Health Record (eVHR).
- Secure email capability – to transmit documentation to the MWD Trauma Registry (e.g., dha.mwdtraumaregistry@health.mil).

3. Optional (Recommended) Documentation Aids

A. Photo Documentation Tools

B. Labeling Supplies

For additional information including National Stock Number (NSN), please contact dha.ncr.med-log.list.lpr-cps@health.mil

DISCLAIMER: This is not an exhaustive list. These are items identified to be important for the care of combat casualties.