

4/16/12 - Research Results

Are you using Drug Dogs? If so, has it proven to be successful?

Not yet, but plan to in the next few months. (when word got out that we were planning this, 3 families moved out in less than a month) (Junction)

We have and it curtailed the drugs for a good while. The tenants know we will do them again. My elderly residents cheered when I mentioned that we were using the drug dogs. The problem with dogs is that we need 20 of them at the same time, because after the first line of apartments, all we get is bleach. It must be cleaning day everywhere. Hmmm. (New Boston)

Have in the past. Not in a long time. Proved very successful. (Winnsboro)

Have used them in the past and was very pleased with results. Not many violators found, but a very good deterrent. However, have not been able to find one recently. Although we have 6-8 HA's in our area which are interested, the company we are trying to use is not very responsive. Can't seem to get around to us. (Edgewood)

We have used them in the past. About every two years. The last visit 3 units had hits. (Mt. Pleasant)

Yes, I have evicted at least 3 families (Beeville)

We just started using drug dogs 3 weeks ago. The dog did hit on two units we suspected it would. (Big Sandy)

I have used Nancy Bidwell. I think it is a good deterrent. The dogs have signaled at two doors in three walk throughs --Which makes me feel like the luckiest ED in the land. (Centerville)

Just put this in my policy in January and will start sometime in the summer. (Wortham)

Seguin - it's an on again, off again system. We have one off duty officer that is a K-9 handler but it was more of a bomb dog but now has a drug dog and another officer sometimes comes and walks his drug dog on the premises. Tenants are advised there will be random checks of the properties.

We use Scentry Place out of Aquilla Texas. It has been very successful. Our tenants and applicants know we bring them in and are less likely to use drugs or allow visitors to use illegal drugs. It has been a strong deterrent. Not perfect by any means but helps tremendously. (Comanche)

We used drug dogs about 5 years ago. It was extremely successful. Resulted in 5 evictions and a lot of porches cleaned with bleach before the dogs got there. Planning on doing it again this summer. (Paris)

At the Victoria Housing Authority we have two Sheriff Deputy's employed. They work full time for the Housing Authority and the Sheriffs office holds their license so they are official. We own our own drug dog which is handled by one of the deputies. It has shown to be very beneficial.

We let the DEA and police use us as a training facility for officers and their dogs, so YES, it is very successful. (Pineland)