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## Canine dogs seize \$4M in drugs

By NALINEE SEELAL Friday, June 15 2007

CANINE handlers with the assistance of narcotic dogs based at the Canine Academy in Chaguaramas have seized over \$4m in narcotics, 12 weapons and arrested 162 persons since the academy was established in 2005.

This was revealed on Wednesday by Anthony Piegara, Director of Enforcement at the Canine Academy.

Piegara yesterday gave members of the media a tour of the Canine Section at the academy and showed off the skills of some of the dogs based there.

Each of the 16 dogs are valued at US \$25,000 each and have been in the country since 2005, where they have been trained.

One of the 16 dogs named "Red" is a cadaver dog and was used last year to retrieve the body of a man at Romain Lands, Morvant.

Piegara said that the cadaver dog was also used by homicide officers in other investigations.

The cadaver dog who is 18 months old and his handler PC Vincent Hinds yesterday carried out a brief demonstration on how the search for a body is carried out.

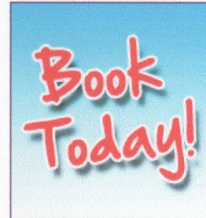
The Canine Academy in Chaguaramas is the first of its kind in the Caribbean and Piegara said that the success rate is extremely good.

He said that the dogs are all in good health and were purchased from the United States and United Kingdom.

The handlers at the academy work between 12 to 16 hours and the dogs are monitored by a Kennel Master who is responsible for the general well being of the dogs.

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