

# Conservation Detection Dog Handler (Red Squirrel) (Skills Card)



## At a glance...

### Assessed Customised Provision

Duration Notes:	2 weeks with a pre-course learning package for novice or inexperienced students. The module is designed for those who already have prior experience in conservation dogs or similar experience and is 2.5- 4 days.
Delivery Method:	Classroom and practical
Recognised by:	Lantra Awards

## Introduction

The Course is designed to accredit a novice or experienced handler in the field of conservation detection dog handling (Red Squirrel Carcass) .

## Overview in brief

The course will cover all aspects of handling, maintenance and training enabling the student to maintain, operate and advise on the capabilities of their Red Squirrel Detection Dog.

## The finer details

The course will focus on the latest detection dog training methodologies using science-based techniques including learning theory.

Maintaining the dog at the required level incorporating nutrition, fitness, health and first aid.

The student using a trained detection dog, or their own (this will need to be assessed for suitability) will learn how to operate a detection dog carry out representative tasks looking for Red Squirrel Carcass.

Course numbers are limited in order for the student to gain as much practical experience as possible with qualified instructors in the field.

Course assessments are externally assessed to provide credibility to the course and the students taking part.

## Who should attend?



Anyone who has a love of the environment becoming a dog handler or just experiencing life as a detection dog handler.



### What will be covered?

Basic Animal Care & maintenance

Health & safety

Preparing a Detection Dog for tasks/ operations (Red Squirrels)

Conducting detection dog tasks (areas specific to Red Squirrels}

Conduct canine first aid

Conduct continuation training

Supporting other agencies involved in conservation.

### Other areas of interest

Students will learn with a fully trained detection dog receive a certificate of completion and be in a position to enter the field as a conservation detection dog handler in what is fast becoming a growth industry.

