Assignment

Revising a Draft for a Specified Purpose – Conclusion

Topic: Military Dogs

Your Assignment:

A student is writing an argumentative essay about the use of dogs in the military. Read the draft of the essay and complete the task that follows.

No Ordinary Pet

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Dogs are used in all branches of the United States military. However, it is hotly debated whether or not these furry friends have a place in the military. Although the job is risky, an elite group of well-trained dogs plays an important role in protecting American citizens and therefore should continue to be used in military operations. Specially trained dogs instinctively protect their human partners and will attack on command. As a result of their incredible sense of smell, military dogs are extremely effective in locating dangerous devices and substances.

Defending human life is a top priority in the military and highly trained dogs do just that- protect their human handlers. Specific breeds of dogs are perfect for military service. German Shepherds and Labrador Retrievers are often chosen for their loyalty and quick response time. These amazing creatures can bark out warnings to the troops, or military personnel, at the first sign of danger. These warnings keep people safe and save many lives.

In addition, military dogs receive hours of training where they learn to attack on command. They will fiercely attack the enemy when given a specific signal from their handler. This is especially helpful when the enemy is in a small or hard to get to space.

Dogs can also out run any human, and certainly this is beneficial if a dangerous criminal is on the loose.

Perhaps the most important use for dogs in the military is their natural sense of smell to detect bombs, weapons, and drugs. Canines can smell forty times greater than humans and therefore make them the most effective measure against harmful threats. Research shows that military dogs are 98% accurate in detecting explosive devices which is far greater than human accuracy.

This essay is missing a conclusion. Write a conclusion that follows logically from the argument.

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