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In Feb 2000 Dover AFB hired a wildlife contractor utilizing a Border Collie as one of the main tools in our BASH program. The introduction of the Border Collie, as a tool in bird abatement was thoroughly researched. Since no other base had any other program like this an initial statement of work had to be written. A climate study was conducted with base personnel, the base veterinarian, legal office and the state department of natural resources on the idea of using a dog to harass wildlife. The major obstacles in creating a program this diverse and using a civilian contractor were, securing funding, writing the contract, security issues and persuading personnel to think out of a box. Consultation with other bases helped immensely in formulating a final statement of work for our needs, and in the process many obstacles were overcome.