

K-9 Supply Program



NEWS FLASH – Dateline Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, and Africa!

The supplies for our Africa kennel are arriving daily. Here are a few examples of the supplies that are on the ground.



Top Left – SSgt Gum & Tucker with old and new Guardian cots. Top Right – SSgt Gum & Tucker
Bottom Left/Right – SSgt Helmbrech & Borek – SSgt Schue & Spike with new Guardian cots.

In addition the kennel cleaning supplies have arrived and are “modeled” by SSgt Gum & Tucker. The Thailand Handler Coin and Shaw Photograph are also on the ground and were well received by SSgt Gum, MWD Tucker, and SSgt Schue.



Our Adoption Program is still in a state of “rotation”!

By the time that you receive this update the 506th ESFS at Kirkuk should be home! TSgt Somers has once again led his troops to a successful deployment. As it turns out, this is TSgt Somers last rotation with the K-9 section – he’s taking advantage of a career opportunity and will be leaving the corp.

As Jason so well stated in his last e-mail to me “I will never be able to thank you and the Safeside Association enough for all you’ve done for me and my troops. I will continue to stay in touch with you even as I’m handing over the leash to TSgt Zavitz as the 823d Kennel Master. Even as I step aside from working dogs for career progression, I will always be K-9, because “Once K-9, Always K-9”. TSgt Somers – from all of us – thank you for a job so very well done – please accept our salute!

We will be working with the new group as soon as we can coordinate the effort with them. Stay tuned for details.

We also have paired our Old Dawgs with troops at Manas Air Base (SSgt Damon Tripp & Rexo), and LSA Diamondback, Mosul, Iraq (TSgt Matt Rebholz & Ori).

In addition, we have soon have troops enroute to Balad and Camp Bucca. As soon as all of the excitement dies down a little, we’ll get you hooked up with these troops also.

SSgt Pablo Martinez also contacted us for a little assistance at his new kennel in Korea. He needed as few grooming tools and some of our K-9 Supply participants have also sent him some “Kongs and dog rewards”. Thanks for keeping in touch with us Pablo – and stay away from the kimshi.

Here’s the total update on the K-9 Supply Program to date.

Our K-9 Supply program has been coordinated and funded by the “Old Dawgs & Pups”. The supporters are members of the VSPA, VDHA, and friends of K-9. A total of 312 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in Iraq from August 21, 2005 to September 15, 2006 – Yes, everyone – it’s been a year! Over seventy “Old Dawgs and Friends” have supported over fifty-seven K-9 personnel via our program. For additional information on the program please go to:

http://www.pbase.com/635thk9/old_dawgs

Please review the photos, press releases, and more about our ongoing programs.

We have purchased and shipped **\$3,737.10** of supplies for the three kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate donation, the total is **\$7,523.10!**

Please note that this figure does not include all the goodies some of you have sent directly, or which came from other organizations we've been involved with but who shipped their donations independently. **WAY TO GO K-9 SUPPLY!**

* The Leatherman "Surge" donation is valued at approximately **\$3,786.00**

- 60 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 41 Leatherman "Surge" Tools (30 Donated by Leatherman) *
- 40 Guardian Pet Beds
- 16 Coastal Medium Firm Shedding Blades
- 16 Classic Long Tooth Undercoat rakes
- 13 VSPA Challenge Coins (Donated)
- 12 Coastal Large Slickers
- 12 Doggles
- 8 K9 Bluelight Supplement
- 8 Muzzles
- 8 Kygen Port-A-Bowls
- 8 Cooling Wraps
- 8 PSI Water Holes
- 8 Cooldanna Cooling Mats
- 8 Sets of Flood Light Bulbs
- 7 Digital Thermometers
- 5 Classic HG Food Dishes
- 5 Heavy Guard Handled Water Pails
- 4 Kygen 2-In-1 Food/Water Bowls
- 4 Large Kongs
- 3 100' Foot Water Hoses
- 3 Nozzles
- 3 24" Heavy Duty Floor Squeegees
- 3 20" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 12" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 5" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 2 Spray Bottles & Sprayers
- 1 Drink Mixes & Snacks (Large Box)

Note: Some of you may receive this twice. I apologize; it's a data base thing!