

K-9 Supply Program



OVER THREE YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!

Hello everyone! We are currently supporting (7) kennels and fifteen (15) deployed Air Force and Army teams as of October 15, 2008. We have also picked up additional handlers at Joint Base Balad, and FOB Rustamiyah, Iraq. October 2008 brings us to three years and two months of operation for our “Old Dawgs & Pups and K-9 Supply” program. Once again, I’d just like to say thank you to all of you that have supported our awesome programs and especially our troops and their canine partners.

Area of Operation Status

We are currently supporting troops at FOB Warrior, FOB Rustamiyah, Camp Victory, Camp Taji, Joint Base Balad, Iraq; Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, and Ali Al Salem, Kuwait. In addition, we’ve just welcomed SSgt Nicholas Ramsey & MWD Harry, SSgt Chris Tener & Filo, TSgt Danny Spaide & Boyke, and SSgt Travis Hazelton & Sinda to our program.

SSgt Nicholas Ramsey & MWD Harry – Joint Base Balad, Iraq

John & Joan Smith (U-Tapao) and Dixie Whitman were just teamed up with SSgt Nicholas Ramsey and MWD Harry. The team is deployed from the 1st SFS Langley AFB, Virginia. We received this photograph of the “boys” taking a “cruise” on the river adjacent to JBB. Water sports – who would have thought?

Harry is quite the hero at JBB, he recently was a blood donor for another MWD that had been wounded and was in need of a transfusion. These dogs just never stop giving – “We’re just wild about Harry!” Welcome aboard Nick and Harry.



SSgt Nicholas Ramsey and MWD Harry

SSgt Chris Tener and MWD Filo – Ali Al Salem, Kuwait

J. D. Jones (Udorn) was just teamed up with SSgt Chris Tener Nicholas and MWD Filo. The team is deployed from the 509th SFS Whiteman AFB, Missouri. He's one of TSgt Jon Sarabia's troops, most of you remember Jon as being our first "Pup. Welcome aboard Chris and Filo.



SSgt Chris Tener Nicholas and MWD Filo

SSgt Travis Hazelton and MWD Sinda – FOB Rustamiyah, Iraq

Ernie Childers (Udorn) and our newest Friend of K-9, Holly Peters (ex- USAF MWD handler) were just teamed up with SSgt Travis Hazelton and MWD Sinda. The team is deployed from the 37th SFS Lackland AFB, Texas. Travis and MWD Sinda are assigned to the HHD 95th MP Battalion at FOB Rustamiyah, Iraq.

We are very proud to announce that Travis has long K-9 roots – his father Jim Hazelton was assigned to the 388th SPS, Korat Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand in 1975-76. This is our second team of father and son dog handlers from Thailand. Welcome aboard Travis and Sinda.



SSgt Travis Hazelton and MWD Sinda

TSgt Danny Spaide and MWD Boyke – FOB Rustamiyah, Iraq

Charlie Blood (Udorn), Mike Wigginton (Ubon), and FOK-9 Janet Wise were just teamed up with TSgt Danny Spaide and MWD Boyke. The team is deployed from the 435th SFS Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Danny and MWD Boyke are assigned to the HHD 95th MP Battalion at FOB Rustamiyah, Iraq. This is Boyke's second tour with us – he was teamed up with SSgt Rodney Cochran at Ali Base in 2006. Welcome back Boyke!



TSgt Danny Spaide and MWD Boyke

Here's this month's update on the K-9 Supply Program

At the time of this report we have **20** members of the “Old Dawgs & Pups” program actively supporting **15** handlers assigned to **seven** kennels in Southwest Asia.

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 635 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in Iraq from August 21, 2005 to October 15, 2008. Over **95** Old Dawgs and Friends” have supported over **114** 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 **\$7,658.00** of supplies for the 25 kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate donation, the total is **\$18,760.00!**

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!**

- 138 Leatherman "Surge" Tools (91) Donated by Leatherman) *
- * The Leatherman "Surge" donation is valued at approximately **\$11,102.00**
- 75 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 57 Guardian Pet Beds
- 40 Sponges
- 40 Cleaning/Scouring Pads
- 39 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 34 Kongs
- 22 Doggles (10 Pairs were donated)
- 19 VSPA Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 16 Coastal Medium Firm Shedding Blades
- 16 Classic Long Tooth Undercoat rakes
- 12 Coastal Large Slickers
- 12 Heavy Guard Handled Water Pails
- 10 Muzzles
- 8 K9 Bluelight Supplement (2 pound bags)
- 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
- 6 24" Heavy Duty Floor Squeegees
- 5 Classic HG Food Dishes
- 5 Nozzles
- 4 Large Kongs
- 3 100 Foot Water Hoses
- 3 20" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 12" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 5" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 3 Ceremonial K-9 Badges (Memorial)
- 2 Kygen 2-In-1 Food/Water Bowls
- 2 50 Foot Water Hoses
- 2 Spray Bottles & Sprayers
- 2 150 Foot Enclosed Hose Reels
- 1 Drink Mixes & Snacks (Large Box)
- 1 Case Toilet Paper (30 Rolls)
- 1 Set of four Ruff Wear Bark'n Boots Grip Trex

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