

K-9 Supply Program



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NEWS FLASH – Dateline Iraq!

Great News! Our group of handlers at the 407th Air Base, Ali, Iraq, are saddled up and heading back to “The World”. I’d like to thank everyone who has communicated with the troops at Ali and those of you who are planning on attending the VSPA reunion in Las Vegas will get to meet Staff Sergeants Danser and Warren. That should be a blast!

A special thank you also goes out to Ms. Dorothy Niklos and our “Blue Star Mothers” who once again stepped forward and helped out the 379th in Southwest Asia. Packages are on the ground and those troops are extremely grateful. They have also shipped “care packages” to the 407th (Ali) and 506th (Kirkuk).

TSgt Jason Somers, once again out did himself with his photos of the guys receiving their Leatherman tools with this great photograph – Jason – you are something else – what, I’m not sure? These are special edition tools – they are engraved with “THAILAND K-9**”, way to go Leatherman!**



SSgt Mike Mooney, MWD Luca, TSgt Jason Somers, MWD Argo, and SrA Steven Kaun

A special “Thank You” also goes out to Harris Methodist HEB Hospital, Quality Care Department for their generous donation to our K-9 Supply Program. They have named us their charity of the month. Thank you also to Cathy Childers for promoting our efforts! Jack and Martha Wilkerson also sent us a check and said to “spend it wisely” – they can count on it.

Our Adoption Program is currently in a state of “rotation”. We are in the process of having personnel deploy from Whiteman, Langley, and Mountain Home Air Bases to locations such as Balad, Mosul, Camp Bucca, and Manas Air Base within the next few weeks. In addition, we have received a request to support a kennel at Camp Lemonier, Africa.

Here is a preview of the situation in Africa – Now, just so you know, this is a “Sentry Camel” – I just have to see the leash and the close order drills with this “new” equipment!



As soon as these pups hit the ground – I will be putting out a request for “Old Dawgs and Friends of K-9” to step forward to pair up with our troops. Hopefully, when our pups are settled in, it will give us a better picture of the type of support and the number of personnel that we have available for adoption.

Please hang with us – we’re in a little transition period and it’s going to break loose all at one time. When you see the big “HELP” message – please step up and we’ll get the programs up and running. I know we can count on everyone.

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 281 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in Iraq from August 21, 2005 to August 15, 2006 – Yes, everyone – it’s been a year! Over seventy “Old Dawgs and Friends” have supported over forty-five 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 **\$3,080.90 of supplies for the three kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate donation, the total is **\$6,866.90!****

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)
- 36 Guardian Pet Beds
- 36 Leatherman “Surge” Tools (Donated by Leatherman) *
- 13 VSPA Challenge Coins (Donated)
- 12 Coastal Large Slickers
- 12 Coastal Medium Firm Shedding Blades
- 12 Classic Long Tooth Undercoat rakes
- 12 Doggles
- 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
- 2 12” Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 2 18” Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 2 5” Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
- 2 24” Heavy Duty Floor Squeegees
- 1 Drink Mixes & Snacks (Large Box)

TSgt Jason Somers – doing his part to protect and defend the American way! Oh yeah, by the way – that’s Alyssa Milano, star of “Charmed” saying hello to the troops. Here we thought Jason was roughing it? Looks like SrA Steven Kaun & Argo are taking up the slack! Have we seen this before????? Way to go guys – we’re very proud of all of you!



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