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Hello everyone! Well, it looks like we are in the middle of a new rotation cycle for our "Pups".

March 2007 brings us to 19 months of operation for our "Old Dawgs & Pups/K-9 Supply" programs. 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're still up and running at Camp Cropper, Camp Bucca, and FOB Warrior, and we're in the process of establishing contact with Kirkuk thanks to TSgt Brian Hoglen and his replacement. Rotations are due soon for several of the other kennels and we are working on making contact with the replacements.

There has also been a reassignment of some of our troops to the Falliejah area, but that mission is a little on the "quiet side" for now.

Our troops at Manus AB, Kirkuk, and LSA Diamondback have either safely rotated stateside or they are in a "packing stage" for the "Freedom Bird". Most of them are on leave with their family and friends – so expect communications to be a little slow for a while.

We will also have a group deploying in April, so please bear with us and we will make hook ups as soon as things get settled down.

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

At the time of this report we have 33 members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting 19 handlers at four kennels/assignments. If anyone has information on any of our troops rotating home, please contact me with any information that you might have.

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 337 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in Iraq from August 21, 2005 to March 15, 2007. Over seventy "Old Dawgs and Friends" have supported over seventy-three 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 \$4,729.00 of supplies for the 15 kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate donation, the total is \$8,515.00!

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!

- * The Leatherman "Surge" donation is valued at approximately \$3,786.00
- Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 52 Leatherman "Surge" Tools (30 Donated by Leatherman) *
- **47** 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
- 12 Heavy Guard Handled Water Pails
- **8 K9** Bluelight Supplement (2 pound bags)
- 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
- 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
- **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!