

K-9 Supply Program



OVER THREE YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!

Hello everyone! We are currently supporting eight (8) kennels and thirty-nine (39) deployed Air Force and Army teams as of May 15, 2009. March 2009 brings us to three years and nine 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 - K-9 Teams Arriving in the AOR

We are currently supporting troops at FOB Warrior, Camp Cropper, FOB O’Ryan, Joint Base Balad, Camp Basra, and FOB Delta, Iraq; Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, and a new kennel at Bagram, Afghanistan with seven (7) new troops (more on them later this issue). We don’t have the contact information on the seven Afghan troops yet, but here are our new additions at Joint Base Balad and Camp Cropper. Here are our new “Pups” that were adopted on during late April 2009:

Joint Base Balad – Iraq: SSgt Kristen Smith & MWD Cezar from the 87th SFS - McGuire AFB, New Jersey. She is supported by Jim Stastny (Korat).

SrA Eric Vega & MWD Eddy from the 95th SFS - Edwards AFB, California. He is supported by Jon Hemp (Tan Son Nhut) and Cathy Mayes (FoK). If any of you have been following the new “Feed the Dawgs” Program headed up by Jon, he was fortunate enough to meet SrA Vega’s family during one of their events at Edwards AFB last month – is this a great country or what? Jon even took his first “bite” in over forty years – at least from a MWD! You should hear him explain it.

SSgt Jared Johnson & MWD Tino deployed from the 43rd SFS – Pope AFB, NC and 51st SFS – Osan, Korea. His is supported by Lonnie Beeson (U-Tapao). They should have plenty to talk about – Lonnie’s last deployment with the Missouri National Guard took to him a year’s deployment at Joint Base Balad and other exotic places in Southwest Asia. You talk about a connection?

SrA Robert Elliott & MWD Szultan deployed from the 87th SFS – McGuire AFB, New Jersey. He is supported by David Priest (Korat).

Camp Cropper – Iraq: SSgt Pierre Delgado & MWD Dak from the 35th SPS – Tyndall, AFB, Florida. He is support by Hugo Nunez (FoK).

Command Changes at Camp Basra – Iraq

SSG James Duff & MWD Llewys from the 148th MP Det., Ft. Carson, Colorado, has now assumed the duties of Kennel Master at Camp Basra, Iraq. He is supported by Nate Foreman (U-Tapao), Tim Pheabus (Kentucky Fish & Wildlife), and Peggy Finzgar (FOK).

We now have a presence at FOB Delta, Iraq

SSG Lee Martin & MWD Balto – Kennel Master, from the 148th MP Det., Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, has moved to FOB Delta. Lee has promised us more information and details will be published as soon as they become available. He is supported by Scotty Baker (Safeside), Dean Kennard (Kentucky Fish & Wildlife), and Mary Hall-Rutherford (FOK).

Camp Basra, Iraq - Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Handlers join OD&P

I'd like to introduce you to Doc Hodges and the handlers and dogs from the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife who are supporting our Army teams at Camp Basra and FOB Delta, Iraq.



Doc Hodges & Bear



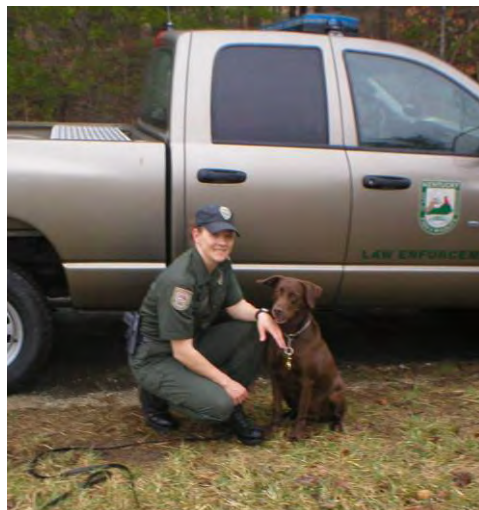
Dean Kennard & Buck



Rich Melhbauger & Buck



Rick Waite & Shiloh



Laura Lacefield & Hanna



Tom Pheabus & Ruddy

Camp Cropper, Iraq

SSgt John Pillarella and his team from Camp Cropper, Iraq – May 2009



Camp Cropper Troop – May 2009

Top L-R: SGT Chantel Razack & MWD Pindo, Kennel Master SSgt John Pillarella & MWD Jampy, SSgt Pierre Delgado and MWD Dak. Bottom L-R: SSgt Nicholas Jensen and MWD Orry, and SSgt Chad Ditch and MWD Aaslan. SSgt Pillarella is supported by Debbie and Dale Burton and Bill Cummings. SSgt Ditch is supported by Kelly Bateman

Action shot from Camp Cropper



Left - MWD Dak shows he is the new "Air Bud" coming to a theatre near you! Center - MWD Aaslan doesn't back down from SSgt Delgado. Right - MWD Aaslan - 10 years old and he still can hold with the best of them.

More from Camp Cropper



**Left - SSgt Nicholas Jensen taking time to show MWD Orry some love.
Right - SSgt Chad Ditch and Aaslan - The Cropper K-9 Motto! "BET U WON'T!"**



**SSgt Pierre Delgado and MWD Dak taking a break and taking a “leap”
SSgt Delgado and MWD Dak are supported by Hugo Nunez (FoK)**

News from FOB Warrior, Iraq



SSgt Dan Wilson & MWD Rico preparing for some training at FOB Warrior. SSgt Wilson & Rico are deployed from Aviano Air Base, Italy and they are supported by Ernie Childers (Udorn).

Training Area at FOB Warrior gets a facelift

TSgt Chris Guild just sent us some photographs of the work they've done on their training area. It was over grown with weeds and things that snakes, scorpions and camel spiders can hide out in. We had the whole yard dug up, sprayed some powerful weed killer down and had a few dump truck loads of pea gravel dumped off at the kennels, then (with the help of the bobcat) spread the gravel out and put our OB course back together again. It's a much better area for the dogs and a lot safer from the animals that could've been in there before. There is also a picture of a few heavy duty gates that CE installed for us so we could get rid of the make shift sandbagged gate.



Helicopter training MWD teams at Joint Base Balad

5/1/2009 - JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — Staff Sgt. Philip Mendoza, 332nd Security Forces Group military working dog handler, pets his MWD Rico, wearing "doggles," during training aboard a helicopter here April 21. The training teaches the team how to safely and properly enter and exit aircraft, and prepares it for future air assault missions. Sergeant Mendoza is deployed here from Moody Air Force Base, Ga., and is a native of Lancaster, Texas. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Elizabeth Rissmiller) SSgt Mendoza is supported by Dixie Whitman and Kelly Bateman.



5/1/2009 - JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — Military working dog handlers from the 332nd Security Forces Group board a helicopter with their MWDs during training here April 21. The training teaches the handlers and MWDs how to safely and properly enter and exit aircraft, preparing them for future air-assault missions. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Elizabeth Rissmiller)



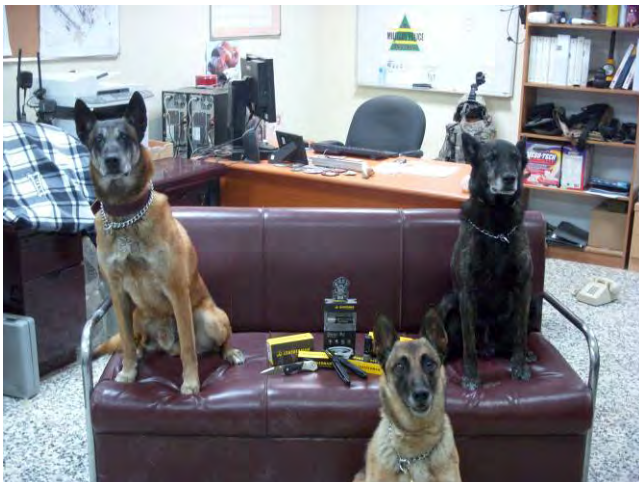
Joint Base Balad Kennel, Iraq – Dogs & Leatherman Tools



Back Row – SSgt Philip Mendoza & MWD Rico and SrA Ted Carlson & MWD Dutchy
Front Row – SSgt Angelo Rategui & MWD Tara and SSgt Jeff Mastin & MWD Ffella

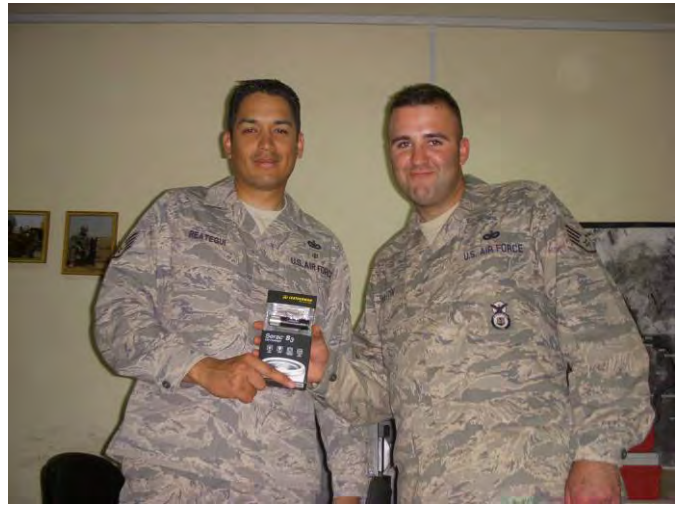


Left – SSgt Jeff Mastin presents SrA Ted Carlson with his Surge. Right – Rico taste the new Surge as SSgt Mendoza holds on for dear life!



Dogs Just showing off their stuff - Rico, Ffella & Dutchy with their new Leatherman equipment. On the right is Rico and Dutchy showing off their new Leatherman gear

JBB, Iraq – SSgt Jeff Mastin presents Leatherman Tools



Left - SSgt Philip Mendoza is presented with a Surge. He is supported by Dixie Whitman (FoK) & Kelly Bateman (Ubon). Right - Sgt Angelo Reategui receives his Serac S3 flashlight – this is a sweet piece of equipment! He is supported by Dixie Whitman (FoK) and Greg Gines (Ubon). Thanks Jeff for all of your help also! SSgt Mastin is supported by Mike Clunis (Safeside).



**MWD Rico, SrA Ted Carlson, and MWD Dutchy relax with the new Leatherman Gear!
This is some great gear Leatherman – thanks for helping us supply our troops down range with such great equipment. SrA Carlson is supported by Dixie Whitman (FoK) and Greg Gines (Ubon).**

SrA Robert Elliott & MWD Szultan – JBB, Iraq



**Remember – You heard it hear first – D O G S L O V E H E L I C O P T E R S !
Just look at that face!!!!!!!!!!**

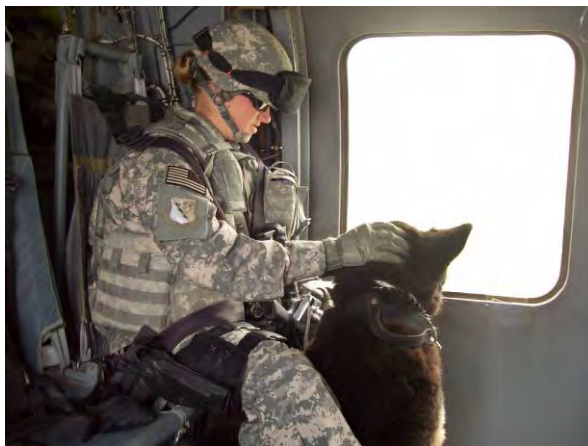


SrA Robert Elliott & MWD Szultan just arrived at JBB – I don't know about you guys – but, I love these photographs! SrA Elliott is deployed from the 87th SFS McGuire AFB, New Jersey – the team is supported by David Priest (Korat).

More training at Joint Base Balad



**SSgt Kriten Smith and MWD Ceazar conducting training at JBB – “Where is that dude Ceazar”?
“There he is and he’s mine” says Ceazar. SSgt Angelo Reategui handles the sleeve.**



SSgt Kristen Smith & MWD Ceazar take advantage of that “hot ticket” on the helicopter. See, I told you – DOGS LOVE HELICOPTERS! Kristen and Ceazar are supported by Jim Stastny (Korat)

MWD teams train for assault missions – Joint Base Balad



JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — Senior Airman Ted Carlson, 332nd Security Forces Group military working dog handler, egresses a helicopter with his MWD , Dutchy, during training here April 21. The training teaches the team how to safely and properly enter and exit aircraft, preparing them for future air-assault missions. Airman Carlson is deployed here from Moody Air Force Base, Ga., and is a native of Rochester, N.Y. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Elizabeth Rissmiller) SrA Carlson & Dutchy are supported by Dixie Whitman and Greg Gines.

We have a new Kennel in Afghanistan – They need our help NOW!

We just received this from TSgt Andrew O'Dell, deployed from Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. I met you just before I left for my deployment to Afghanistan. Well...I finally have a few moments to shoot you an e-mail. I have walked into a mess here at Bagram. I am standing up the first-ever K-9 unit for the 455 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. When I arrived here, I was told that I would have to build our kennel...no problem I thought...then I was told I had to find the land to build it on...big problem! Well, we adapted and overcame! After doing my best 'used-carsaleman' routine I was able to acquire a sizable amount of land and some lumber to start building. We were operational in 8 days. Within 3 weeks we have built an entire compound on what used to be a big plot of mud. The entire thing was built solely by the hands of K9 handlers...6 of us to be exact. Some quick numbers for you: 2,300 square feet of flooring, 2000 nails, 1,200 feet of 2" x 6", 1000 feet of 2" x 4", 800 sandbags...yes...my back hurts along with every other joint in my body. As with any new operation...supplies are hard to come by. I have a ton of stuff on order...but you know how long that stuff takes to actually get here. Whatever you and your team of dedicated 'old dogs' can do for us would be great. I attached some pictures of the compound proudly built by K9 for K9....and yes...that really is our backyard. Hope to hear from you soon! ANDREW W. ODELL, TSgt, USAF - 455th ESFS NCOIC, Military Working Dog Section



Kneeling - SSgt Christopher Reynolds, (L-R) SrA John Spearing, SSgt Justin Kitts, SSgt Scott Carpenter, and TSgt Andrew O'Dell. They are just “standing up the kennel” and they really need our help. Once again guys – from the ground up! Stay tuned for more information.

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates!

Kimmie Harting - Deployed to JTF “Bravo” in Honduras and she sure is staying busy! She just sent us these photographs of a “Habitat 4 Humanity” project that she worked on in April. They are working on starting a chapter of H4H with her squadron. Right now they are dedicating weekends to work on other H4H projects. Kimmie told me that she is “Missing home, but doing great things down here!” Kim as been supported by David Priest, John & Joan Smith, and is currently being supported by Juli Warner. Are those shorts pink or what? Way to go girl!



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

At the time of this report we have **37** members of the “Old Dawgs & Pups” program actively supporting **39** handlers assigned to eight (8) 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 757 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 21, 2005 to May 15, 2009. Over **114** “Old Dawgs and Friends” have supported over **154** 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 **\$8,805.00** of supplies for the 29 kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate donation, the total is **\$29,919.00!**

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!

List of Supplies Shipped by Old Dawgs & Pups

- 149 Leatherman “Surge” Tools (102 Donated by Leatherman) *
- * The Leatherman “Surge”/Flashlights/Knives donation is valued at approximately **\$21,114.00**
- 75 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 75 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
- 40 Sponges
- 40 Cleaning/Scouring Pads
- 39 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 34 Kongs

30	* Serac S3 Leatherman Flashlights
22	Doggles (10 Pairs were donated)
20	* c33T “Crater” Leatherman Knives
20	* e55 “Expanse” Leatherman Knives
20	Kygen Port-A-Bowls
20	PSI Water Holes
19	VSPA Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
18	Large Kongs
16	Coastal Medium Firm Shedding Blades
16	Classic Long Tooth Undercoat rakes
14	Kygen 2-In-1 Food/Water Bowls
12	Coastal Large Slickers
12	Heavy Guard Handled Water Pails
10	Muzzles
10	* e55B “Expanse” Leatherman Knives
8	K9 Bluelight Supplement (2 pound bags)
8	Rolls 26”x78” 20% Dark Limo Window Tint
8	Cooling Wraps
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
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	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