

# THAILAND DOG HANDLERS

USAF Dog Handlers Who Defended Front-Line Combat Air Bases In Thailand Throughout The Vietnam War

## OLD DAWGS and PUPS

Dog Handlers of the Vietnam War Supporting US Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan  
Sponsored by Thailand Dog Handlers at combat Air Bases during the Vietnam War

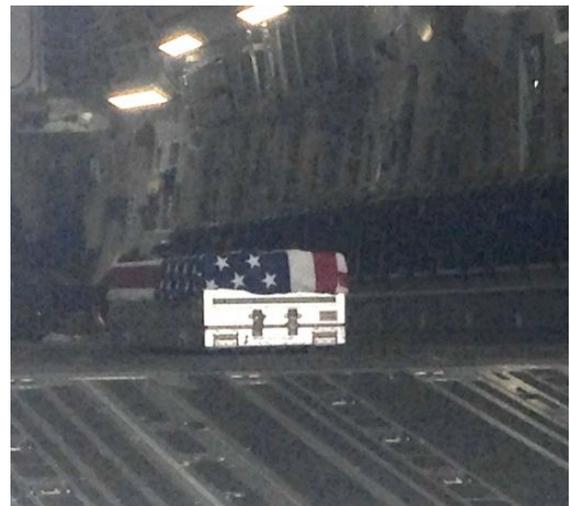


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(05/15/2015)

This edition of the Old Dawgs & Pups Newsletter is dedicated to the memory and service of United States Air Force Military Working Dog Jonny (N414), the partner of SrA Jerry Quintanilla, deployed to Al Udeid Air Base 2015, Qatar, from the 7<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, Dyess Air For Base, Texas.

## Military Working Dog Jonny – N414 May 2, 2015 Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

Military Working Dog Jonny/ N414 entered his Air Force career in 2009. He was certified for patrol and explosives detection. His first assignment was with the 7th Security Forces Squadron at Dyess AFB, TX. Over the past six years, Jonny has had four handlers; SSgt Sean Davis, SSgt Andre Hernandez, SSgt Erica McRell, and SrA Jerry Quintanilla with whom he has deployed on JET taskings to Jt. Base Balad, Iraq in 2011, Bagram, Afghanistan in 2012, Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2013. His last deployment was to Al Udeid AB, Qatar with SrA Quintanilla. He passed away on 29 April 2015 from medical complications. MWD Jonny also provided flawless security for many high profile events and distinguished visitors worldwide. The men and women of the 379th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron salute his loyal service to our nation!



Senior Airman Jerry Quintanilla, 379th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron holds a folded U.S. flag that was presented to him in honor of Military Working Dog Jonny May 2, 2015 at the Blatchford-Preston Complex at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. Jonny and Quintanilla worked side-by-side daily for three months before Jonny passed away due to medical complications. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes) For more information:

<http://www.afcent.af.mil/Units/379thAirExpeditionaryWing/News/Display/tabid/298/Article/587883/al-udeid-security-forces-k-9-unit-remembers-mwd-jonny.aspx>

**OVER NINE YEARS OF SUPPORTING OUR K-9 TROOPS!**  
**MORE THAN 450 MILITARY WORKING DOG TEAMS SUPPORTED!**  
***121 Deployed Military Working Dog Kennels Supported***  
**More than \$99,807.00 of supplies shipped down range!**

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Hello everyone! We are currently supporting five (5) kennels and thirty (30) deployed Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine teams as of May 15, 2015. May 2015 brings us to nine years and nine months of operation for our “Old Dawgs & Pups” 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 deployed down range.

### **Area of Operation Status - K-9 Teams Arriving/Departing**

Due to the worldwide security issues and concerns for safeguarding our troops, we will not be listing the name of the bases or countries, in which our troops are deployed. All locations will be listed as “Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia” (UDL). We are currently supporting troops at five locations in Southwest Asia. We have three (3) new pups to introduce this month.

### **Pups arriving in the AOR**

**UDL #3 Southwest Asia:** SSgt Alexander Baron & MWD Bad, deployed from the 4<sup>th</sup> SFS, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina. Mike Fink (FoK) supports the team.

SSgt Kellie Peterson & MWD Xarius, deployed from the 28<sup>th</sup> SFS, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. Mike Diercks (Korat) supports the team.

SSgt Tommy Duncan & MWD Ricsi, deployed from the 19<sup>th</sup> SFS, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas. Jon and Michelle Sarabia (USAF Ret) support the team.

**UDL #8 Southwest Asia:** TSgt Thomas Myers, SSgt Brandon Gerrins & MWD Vivi, SSgt Lucas Tripp & MWD Bak, and SSgt Jordan Capela & MWD Sjem have been Forward Deployed to UDL #8 Southwest Asia. They are getting “settled in” at their new deployment location.

### **Pups rotating home from the AOR**

**UDL #3 Southwest Asia:** SSgt Joshua Hayes has returned to the sunny California and Travis AFB. SSgt Justin Leon Guerrero & MWD Oxigen are now home at Fairchild AFB, Washington. SSgt Brandon Miller & MWD Zumba have returned to Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota. SSgt Matthew Lenegan & MWD Kalo are stateside at Nellis AFB, Nevada. SSgt Nicholas Taylor & MWD Bessy are enjoying northern California and Travis AFB. SSgt Latisha Langley & MWD Lama are back to home station Vandenberg AFB, California. SrA Steven Watkins & MWD Bob are enjoying the mountains at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

### **Special Joint Sponsorship of Combat Stress/Therapy Dog Team**

Old Dawgs & Pups, The Dawgs Project (Feed the Dawgs), and the Military Working Dog Team Support Association (MWD TSA) will jointly sponsor a Military Chaplain Assistant and his Combat Stress/Therapy Dog. David Priest (Korat) will be his sponsor. More information will be forthcoming next month. The team will minister more than 400 deployed U. S. Army soldiers. The team is deployed with the New Hampshire National Guard. As you might expect, we are very excited to embark on this partnership for the dog team and for our three organizations. Stay tuned for more details as they become available. What a great opportunity for us to show how all dogs contribute to our military effort.

## Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits shipped to Southwest Asia



On March 31st and April 1st, 2015 Old Dawgs & Pups and Air For Paws shipped the first Air For Paws Resuscitation kits to three of our deployed kennels in Southwest Asia and to the USAF Air Combat Command, Virginia and the Department of Defense, JBSA, Texas for official approval for use at deployed and stateside base approval. Air Combat Command granted approval for their use on May 6, 2015. Each kit contains Ambu Bags, facemasks, an instructional Video, a towel and leashes for use during canine breathing emergencies.



The kits arrived in the AOR on April 5th – Way to go USPS!

## **Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits shipped to Southwest Asia - Continued**



**SrA Steven Watkins & MWD Bob display the new AFP Kits that arrived at the 380<sup>th</sup> ESFS. The team is deployed from the 366<sup>th</sup> SFS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho and Jim and Nancy Stewart (TSN) support them. The team was immediately trained on the use of the equipment at the UDL.**



**SSgt Jonathan Calo, MWD Ttilly, TSgt Andrew Rodriguez, and Captain Nichole L. Rowley (US Army Veterinarian) complete AFP training. Captain Rowley provided step-by-step explanation of the Air For Paws equipment and trained the handlers at the 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS. Chuck Rogers (TSN) and Christi Cryer (FoK) support Team Ttilly and TSgt Rodriguez is supported by Bruce Bond (58<sup>th</sup> IPSD).**

# Air For Paws – First Response Resuscitation Kits (New OD&P Partner)



**It's Official – we're in the Resuscitation Business!**

It is our goal to provide **Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits** to **OCONUS** and **CONUS** installations.



TSgt Dan Wilson and SSgt Parris, and MWD GGarbo check for the proper fit for the facemask of the new Air For Paws Resuscitation Kit at the 377<sup>th</sup> SFS, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. On the right SSgt Toles, SrA Perkins, SSgt Parris, TSgt Wilson accept the AFP/ODP kit for their kennel.



Bill Cummings delivers an AFP/OD&P Resuscitation Kit to the United States Air Force Academy. On the left Bill explains the equipment to SSgt Kieran Gibson and SSgt Justin Bauman. On the right, TSgt Justin Kitts assists with the delivery of the equipment. SSgt Gibson and TSgt Kitts are OD&P graduates.

*PUPS, PLEASE forward this information to your Kennel Master at your home stations. We are about to start shipping and this would greatly assist us to provide this equipment to your home installation.*

**For further information concerning AFP Resuscitation Kits contact:**  
Bill Cummings    Old Dawgs & Pups    [usafbrutus@comcast.net](mailto:usafbrutus@comcast.net)

## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS

### 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS MWD teams assist International Urban Search and Rescue teams



Member of the 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS MWD Section and the Virginia Task Force 1, International Urban Search and Rescue, Canine Unit, Urban Search & Rescue, Fairfax County, Virginia, gather for a logistics session.

Our personnel (OD&P MWD teams) supported VA-TF1 with housing, showering facilities, and a rest break before they reloaded for their mission in Nepal, India, following the 7.8 magnitude earthquake disaster on April 25, 2015. Our teams also shared dog supplies and items that they had received from the MWDTSA care packages that they had recently received.

Elizabeth Chaney - K9 Ventoux, Jennifer Massey - K9 Phayu, Chris Holmes - K9 Cazo, Elizabeth Kreidler - K9 Racker, Teresa MacPherson - K9 Port, and Ron Sanders - K9 Pryse

Established in 1986 as a domestic and international disaster response resource, sponsored by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, Virginia Task Force 1 is rostered by approximately 200 specially trained career and volunteer fire and rescue personnel, with expertise in the rescue of victims from collapsed structures, following a natural or man-made catastrophic event. The team is comprised of emergency managers and planners, physicians and paramedics and includes specialists in the fields of structural engineering, heavy rigging, collapse rescue, logistics, hazardous materials, communications, canine and technical search.

Virginia Task Force 1 has partnerships with the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency for domestic response and the United States Agency for International Development/Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance during international missions. As a part of the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department, the task force maintains constant operational readiness as a local resource for residents of Fairfax County and surrounding jurisdictions.



## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #1 – 379<sup>th</sup> ESFS – Continued



When it's over 110 degrees – sometime you just have to catch a little “cat nap”! SSgt Jonathan Calo, makes sure his partner, MWD Tilly, isn't disturbed while on break. “OK, naps over and lets get back to work Sarge” looks to be Tilly's response on the right. That's the way you take care of your “wingman”. You just have to love this team concept? The team is deployed from the 628<sup>th</sup> SFS, Jt. Base Charleston, South Carolina. The team is supported by Christi Cryer (FoK) & Chuck Rogers (TSN).

## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #3 – 380<sup>th</sup> ESFS



Left: SSgt Kellie Peterson & MWD Xarius, are getting settled in at UDL #3, the team is deployed from the 28<sup>th</sup> SFS, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota and are Mike Diercks (Korat) supports Team Xarius.

Right: SSgt Tommy Duncan and MWD Risci, deployed from the 19<sup>th</sup> SFS, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas, are “ready to rumble” and you can tell from the “situational awareness” look on their faces. Jon and Michelle Sarabia (USAF Ret.) support Team Risci.

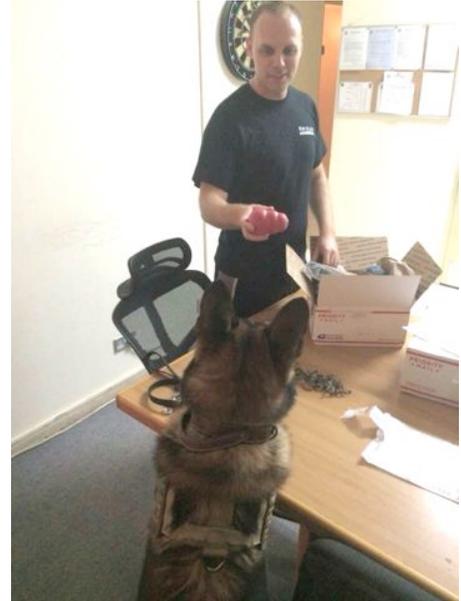
## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #4 – 879<sup>th</sup> ESFS



SSgt Jacob Utley, SSgt Gil Lundgren, and MWD Carla take a moment following a security detail for Secretary of State John Kerry who visited the location earlier this month. Kennel Master Jacob Utley is deployed from the 88<sup>th</sup> SFS, Wright-Patterson AFB, and Bob Curnick (NKP) supports him. SSgt Gil Lundgren and MWD Carla are deployed from the 52<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, and Mike Direcks (Korat) supports the team. Great job guys!



Left: SSgt Robert Coughlin, SSgt Ryan Wiese, MWD Marky and SSgt Jeffery Hill make sure all the packages received from the Military Working Dog Team Support Association are opened correctly! It looks like MWD Marky is supervising the “operation”. The packages were themed from the “Florida-Georgia Line” collection of the MWDTSA. Thanks Dixie Whitman and the entire organization for your support of our troops! SSgt Wiese is deployed from the 52<sup>nd</sup> SFS, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, and Bob Sullivan (Phu Cat) supports them. Christi Cryer & Chuck Rogers (FoK/TSN) support SSgt Hill who is deployed from 325<sup>th</sup> SFS, Tyndall AFB, Florida.



Right: It looks like Marky has found the “right stuff” in the package. Something tells us Marky knows how to operate that thing! The team is deployed from the 20<sup>th</sup> SFS, Shaw AFB, South Carolina and Mark Smoot (NKP) supports the team.

## Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #5



TSgt Thomas Myers, Kennel Master, at one of our “Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia” just received his Thailand Handler gifts that included a Leatherman M5 LED Lenser flashlight, Thailand Handler challenge coin, and a Thailand Handler patch. TSgt Myers is deployed from the 72<sup>nd</sup> Security Forces Squadron, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma and is supported by Jon Hemp (Tan Son Nhut). Again, thanks SSgt Springman for distributing the gifts to your kennelmates.

## Packages sent down range by MWD TSA



## **MWD TSA** *Military Working Dog Team Support Association, Inc.*

A tax-exempt organization under IRS code section 501(c)(3). All donations are tax-deductible.

<http://www.mwdtsa.org>

Once again, we’d like to extend a VERY BIG THANK YOU to Dixie Whitman and everyone associated with the Military Working Dog Team Support Association who have sent “Florida-Georgia Line” care packages down range to support our deployed troops. They have sent more than 60 packages to our troops at five deployed kennel locations in southwest Asia this year alone! This organization is a “CLASS ACT”! Please visit their website!

Included in their Second Quarter Care Packages are Pet Gators, Peach flavored Jelly Belly Jelly beans, Liver Treats, Collapsible Water Bowls, Louisiana Alligator Jerky Treats for dogs, Alligator Meat Sticks for handlers, Flamingo pops, T-shirts, hats, MWD TSA patches and much more. The boxes should be fun and colorful with tastes representing the great states of Georgia and Florida.

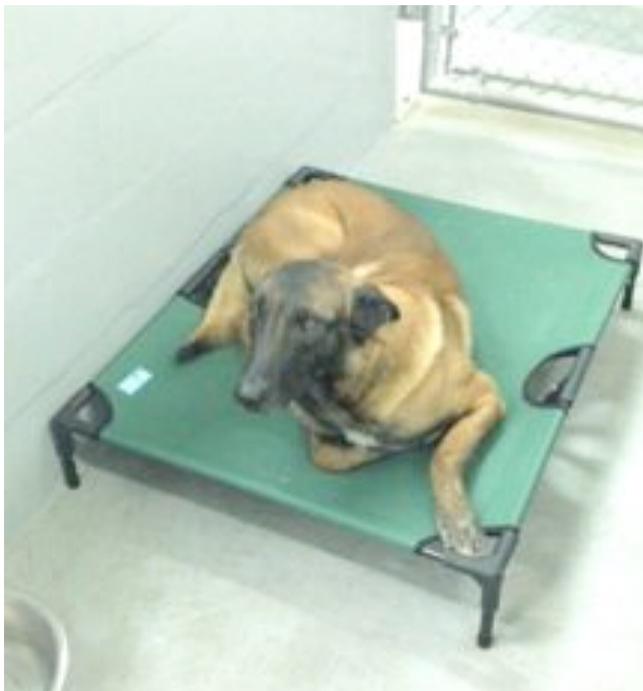
## **Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #8**

### **Professional & Palmer's Pharmacy fund supplies at UDL #8**

We'd like to thank Professional & Palmer's Pharmacies for shipping \$502.00 worth of supplies to our troops at Undisclosed Location Southwest Asia #8. With the help of their patrons we were able to ship 10 Guardian Pet Cots, 8 Retractable leads, and 8 Heavy Duty Water Buckets for the personnel and canines at that location. U. S Army Lt. Colonel (Ret.) Domenic Sammarco and his "friends, patrons, and staff" have been raising funds to assist OUR troops. Anyone in the Stamford or Greenwich, Connecticut area please take the opportunity to stop in and say "Hello and Thanks" to these fantastic volunteers that have stepped up to help our deployed MWD teams again!



We have cots all over the place! The supplies arrived and were immediately assembled and put to good use. SSgt Alexandra Springman displays an assembled cot and MWD Fedor (bottom left) breaks in the first one! OK, who's getting sleepy? It looks like WMD Emor (bottom right) really likes the feel of his new cot. Check out the new stainless steel water buckets on the right of the above left photograph.



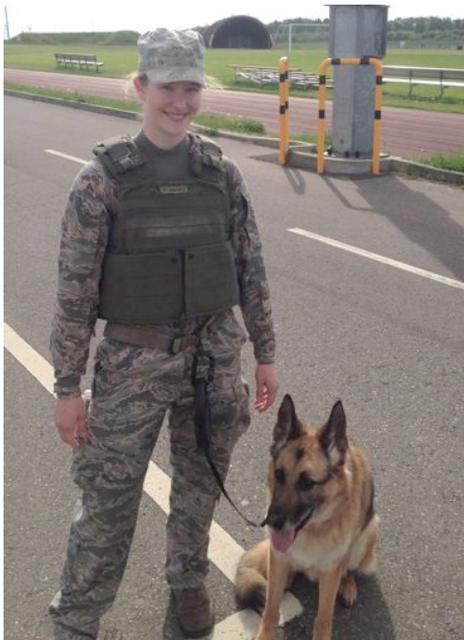
We'd also like to thank our friends at Pet Edge for helping us supply our troops since 2005. Check their website – [www.petedge.com](http://www.petedge.com) to view other items including grooming and other care products.

## Other News concerning OD&P Graduates

Congratulations TSgt Mary Boyer, Kennel Master, 52<sup>nd</sup> MWD Section, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. TSgt Boyer “sewed on” Tech stripe on May 1, 2015. She was deployed to Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan, with her canine partner Tomy in 2011. Steve and Lise Gattis (CRB) supported the team.



Lt. Col. D’Amico and Chief Dale Zmuda present TSgt Boyer with her certificate of promotion and then it went native! On the right two OD&P “graduates”, MSgt Paul Rasmussen and TSgt David Bieck went all K-9 on our newest TSgt! Phil Carroll and Rufus Leslie supported MSgt Paul Rasmussen, in 2007 at FOB Warrior, Iraq. Donald Shaw and Janet Wise supported TSgt David Bieck in 2009 at Joint Base Balad, Iraq; by Joe Palmer at Bagram in 2011, and by Bob Sullivan at Ali Al Salem in 2014. Again, congratulations from all of us at Old Dawgs and Pups!



Left: TSgt Mary Boyer and Retired MWD Tomy kicked off the Law Enforcement Week Ruck at Ramstein AFB, Germany. Tomy still has it! Steve and Lise Gattis supported the team during a deployment at Manas Transit Center, Kyrgystan in 2011.

Right: Mike Diercks went shopping at Scott AFB, Illinois, and ran into SSgt David Yaronczyk and MWD Ffray who he had supported at Al Udeid Air Base in 2014. Who would have thought?

## Feed the Dawgs Project 2015 Schedule

<http://www.thedawgsproject.com>



The *Feed the Dawgs* Project is a culmination of United States Military Vietnam Veterans, Active Duty Military Working Dog Personnel, and patriotic citizens joining together to support and recognize the dedication and patriotism of today's Military Working Dog Teams around the globe. The United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy deploy Military Working Dogs. We feed steak barbecues to active military dog handlers in all branches of United States service as they return from or "ship out" for "deployment" to the front lines on the War on Terror.

2015 brings new adventures for *Feed the Dawgs* – They have expanded to **THREE** regions! Here are the contacts for the regions – if you are interested in participating in an event – just ping the POC and they will put you to work and make sure you share some quality time with the TROOPS!

**Southwest Dawgs (CA, AZ, NV, & TX)**

Jon Hemp - [jonhemp@thedawgsproject.com](mailto:jonhemp@thedawgsproject.com)

<http://thedawgsproject.com>

**Rocky Mountain Dawgs (CO, NM, MO, & TX)**

Kevin Sonka – [kevinsonka@comcast.net](mailto:kevinsonka@comcast.net)

<http://www.rockymountaindawgsproject.org>

**Northwest Dawgs Project (NV, UT, ID, & WA)**

Frank Wehner – [nwdawgs@fcwehner.com](mailto:nwdawgs@fcwehner.com)

<http://northwestdawgsproject.com>

If you are interested in assisting in one of the projects or need more information about “*Feed the Dawgs*” please contact Jon Hemp at [jmhemp@feedthedawgs.com](mailto:jmhemp@feedthedawgs.com)

Here is the Feed the Dawgs upcoming schedule for 2015 – Get Involved!

You can view photos from all of our events on Facebook at "The Dawgs Project"

23	May	Jt. Northern Feed – Travis & Beale MWD Sections @ Beale AFB, CA
30	May	Malstrom AFB, MT
7	June	Rancho Kiwanis Kars for Kids, Rancho Cucamonga, CA
13	June	San Diego Jt. Regional Feed, CNRSW/Navy, MCAS Miramar, Coast Guard @ MCRD/San Diego, CA
20	June	Fairchild AFB, WA

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

At the time of this report we have **29** members of the “Old Dawgs & Pups” program actively supporting **30** handlers assigned to five (5) kennels in Southwest Asia.

Our K-9 Supply program has been coordinated and funded by the “Old Dawgs & Pups” program volunteers. The supporters are members of the VSPA, VDHA, and friends of K-9. A total of 2,263 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in the AOR from August 15, 2005 to May 15, 2015. “Old Dawgs & Friends” have supported **121** kennels and **450** K-9 personnel via our program. For additional information on the program please go to:

<http://www.war-stories.com/odap/ws-odap-index.htm>

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

We have purchased and shipped **\$29,607.00** worth of supplies to **121** kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman Corporation and other noted major donations; our program has supplied a total of **\$99,807.00** to deployed Military Working Dog teams. Please note that this total does not reflect all of the “care packages” that have been sent directly by team sponsors and other organizations that we have been so fortunate to be involved with for this program.

### **Major List of Supplies Shipped by Old Dawgs & Pups**

- 342 Leatherman “Surge” Tools (145 donated by Leatherman)
  - The Leatherman “Surge”/MUTS/Flashlights/Knives/Toys donation is valued at **\$65,614.00**
- 287 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 266 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 163 \* Leatherman Serac S3 Flashlights
- 143 Guardian Pet Beds (Pet Edge)
- 102 Alpha Dog Challenge Coins
- 90 \* Leatherman M5 LED Lenser Flashlights
- 79 \* Leatherman MUT Tools
- 75 \* Leatherman Knives (Models: e33T, e55, e55B, e33L)
- 62 Retractable Leashes (Pet Edge)
- 56 Kongs (Assorted sizes)
- 55 \* Leatherman Wave Dog Toys
- 46 Sponges
- 44 PSI Water Holes
- 40 Cleaning/Scouring Pads
- 33 Kygen Port-A-Bowls
- 31 Doggles (10 Pairs donated)
- 24 Kygen 2-In-1 Food/Water Bowls
- 24 Rolls 26”x78” 20% Dark Limo Window Tint (Checker Auto Supply)
- 20 160 oz Stainless Steel Bowls (Pet Edge)
- 20 Flat Sided Stainless Steel Water Pails (Pet Edge)
- 20 Bucket Clips (Pet Edge)
- 19 VSPA Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 16 Cooling Vests & Extra Cooling Packs (**Helping Udders – Value \$3,420.00**)
- 16 Coastal Medium Firm Shedding Blades
- 16 Classis Long Tooth Undercoat Rakes
- 15 Classic HG Food Dishes
- 12 Coastal Large Slickers
- 12 Heavy Guard Handled Water Pails
- 10 Air For Paws Resuscitation Kits (**Value \$1,000.00**)
- 10 Muzzles
- 10 Heavy Duty Handled Pails – 9 Quart (Pet Edge)
- 10 Stainless Steel – 3 Quart Dura-weight Bowls (Pet Edge)
- 10 Helping Udders Reward Toys (Helping Udders)
- 9 Hose Nozzles
- 8 K-9 Bluelight Supplement (2 pounds)
- 8 Cooling Wraps (Roshgo)
- 8 Cooldanna Cooling Mats (Roshgo)
- 8 Sets of Flood Light Bulbs
- 8 24” Heavy Duty Floor Squeegees

- 7 **Digital Thermometers**
- 7 **Sets Ruff Wear Bark'n Boots Trex (Ray Allen & Ruff Wear)**
- 6 **20"/12" (3 each) Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes**
- 4 **Carabiners**
- 4 **5' Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes**
- 3 **100-Foot Water Hoses**
- 3 **Ceremonial K-9 Badges (Memorial)**
- 2 **Hose Reels – Wheeled Cart**
- 2 **50-Foot Water Hoses**
- 2 **Spray Bottles & Sprayers**
- 2 **130-Foot Enclosed Hose Reels**
- 2 **\* Leatherman EOD MUT Tools**
- 1 **Large Patrol Harness**
- 1 **Medium Patrol Harness**
- 1 **Case Toilet Paper (30 Rolls)**
- 1 **Case Drink Mixes & Snacks**
- 1 **Syntek Hidden Sleeve (Ray Allen)**
- 1 **Armor Carrier Shoulder Pads**
- 1 **Molle Dump Pouch**