

Veterans Groups & Corporations Supporting Old Dawgs & Pups



Helping Udders!

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It is with great pleasure that the Thailand Dog Handlers announce a new partnership with “Helping Udders” to provide cooling vest for our deployed Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines down range!

Through the generosity of “Helping Udders” we have shipped the first ten (10) cooling vests and extra cooling packs to our troops at FOB Delta, Iraq. As we speak, Mikel Miller is packing up the vests that will be on their way to Iraq for our troops at FOB Delta and Joint Base Balad!

KM SSG Lee Martin & Balto, SFC Christopher Oliver & Sam, MA2 Bradley Langham & Pluto, SSgt Kristen Smith & Cezar, SSgt Jared Johnson & Tino, SrA Manuel Rodriguez & Diesel, SrA Tolbert Jefferies & Rex, SrA Charles G Wilder, II & Rex, SrA Eric Vega & Eddy, and SrA Robert Elliott & Szultan

These vests have been purchased and shipped through the generous donations to Helping Udders. To date Helping Udders has shipped 293 to the AOR – way to go Mikel & Helping Udders!

Forty-eight hours ago we made contact with Helping Udders concerning a request for information on purchasing cooling vests for our handlers in Southwest Asia. We told them about our Old Dawgs & Pups program and they asked a few questions, made a few suggestions, and then they decided to partner with us and then they decided on a great plan of action – lets work together on this program. Thanks also go out to Mike Regan (NKP) for locating and providing the information on Helping Udders.

THEN THEY DONATED TEN (10) COOLING VESTS & EXTRA COOLING PACKS TO OUR OD&P PROGRAM! CHECK THEIR WEBSITE: <http://www.helpingudders.com/> AND <http://www.helpingudders.com/MWD.htm> - They sell “cool dog stuff” – Check them out!

We canvassed our Kennel Masters and handlers and found where the most pressing needs were for the vests. We called them back and – POOOF – the vest appeared on the shipping dock enroute to Iraq! The vest & extra cooling packs are \$228.00 each. We canvassed our Kennel Masters and handlers and found that FOBs had the most pressing needs for the vests. We called them back and – POOOF – the vest appeared on the shipping dock enroute to Iraq! The vest and extra cooling packs are \$228.00 each. What a great start to this program – talk about hitting the ground running! Stay tuned for more details on this one! **To date they have donated 16 cooling vest for a total value of \$3,648.00.**

Thank you very much Helping Udders and thank you for being part of Old Dawgs & Pups!



SrA Manuel Rodriguez and MWD Diesel show off their new vest at the Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, training area before they deploy to Al Dahfra, UAE, later this month. This team can also use their vests when they return home from their deployment due to the extended heat in Arizona.