

# THEY *Protect* OUR *Communities*

Police dogs are known for their incredible working ability, their desire to cooperate with their handlers, and, in some cases, their tenacity in fighting criminals. Some police dogs are single-purpose; they have one task they perform. Others are dual-purpose; they are trained to perform a variety of tasks. But what exactly do police dogs do?

## APPREHENSION

These dogs are trained to bite dangerous suspects and hold them hostage. In many situations, they are the first ones to put their lives on the line and go in against an armed suspect to protect their human partners.

## DETECTION

These dogs are taught to detect various drugs, explosives, accelerants (when investigating arson), and other crime scene evidence.

## SEARCH AND RESCUE

These dogs are trained to find living victims and the remains of deceased humans whether it's someone who has been kidnapped or a missing person who has gotten lost after a devastating explosion, earthquake, or other disaster.

# THEY *Deserve* OUR *Support*

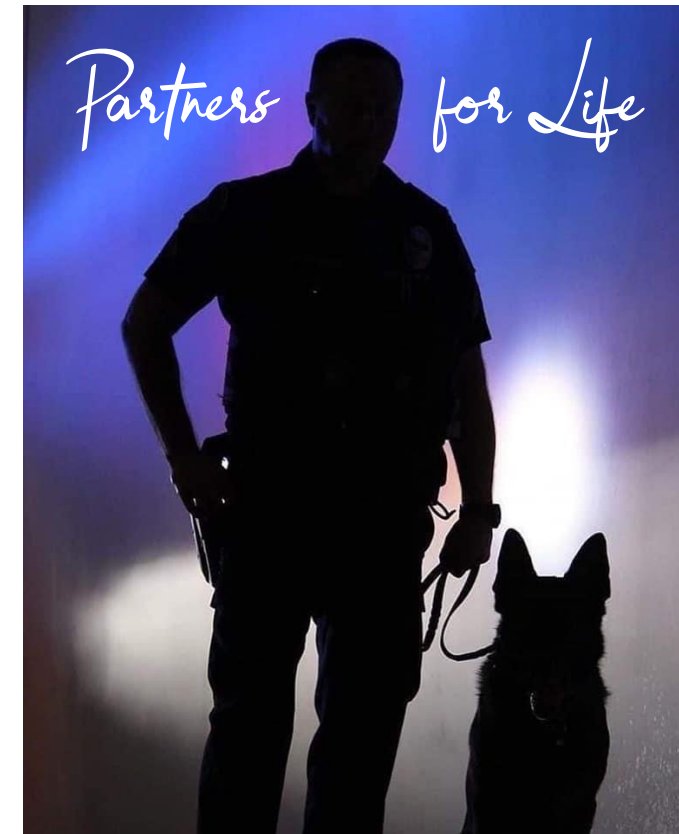
## MEET SOME OF OUR RETIREES



## VIRGINIA POLICE K-9 ASSOCIATION



(formerly Chesterfield County Police K-9 Association)



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## VIRGINIA POLICE K-9 ASSOCIATION

Virginia Police K-9 Association was founded in 2019 by local community members in partnership with Chesterfield County Police K-9 officers. The Association supports the health and welfare of active and retired police K-9's that serve or have served the Commonwealth of Virginia. We accomplish this mission through the following activities that can only be fulfilled with your generous support.

- Upon retirement, police K-9s are adopted by their human partners who then assume responsibility for all costs related to the retired animal. We help to ensure the health and welfare of retired police K-9s by assisting their adopters with food, veterinary care, medication, shelter and end-of-life costs.
- We help to keep our police K-9s on the cutting edge of excellence by assisting active police K-9 units to procure state of the art training equipment.
- We help to strengthen public relations between the community and our police K-9s through outreach and education programs.



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### DID YOU KNOW ...

- It is estimated that Virginia police departments have approximately 150-200 canines in active service.
- When a police dog retires from active service, usually around the age of 10, it typically is adopted by its police handler.
- When a police dog retires, all of the dog's government-provided benefits cease, including veterinary care and dog food. All expenses associated with providing for the health and welfare of the retired animal become the responsibility of the handler.
- Because of their active service missions, as police dogs age, these K-9s suffer from problems such as arthritis and separation anxiety, and they often require pain management.
- The average life of a K-9 in retirement is 3 – 5 years.
- Approximately 40% of the lifetime veterinary expenses for dogs occur in the last two years of their lives, meaning the handler can expect \$5,000 or more in veterinary bills in the dog's final years.

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every level of giving helps to support these deserving retired public servants.

- \$5 One can of dog food
- \$15 Rabies protection for three years
- \$35 Annual vaccinations
- \$50 Pain and joint medications for one month
- \$75 One bag of high-quality dog food
- \$100 Annual senior-dog wellness exam
- \$125 Flea & tick prevention for one year
- \$150 Heart worm protection for one year
- \$1,500 Veterinary care for one year
- \$6,000 Veterinary care and food for retirement

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