

# Police Dog Foundation

*Dear Friends;*

*Another exciting and challenging year is almost over, and we are already planning and working on projects for next year. While doing this, we still need to raise **\$14,000** more to fully fund Ventura Police Departments new dog to replace retiring K-9 Felix. In planning for the needs of our communities., we anticipate requests for us to provide at least seven new dogs and associated training of their new handlers for various agencies., as well as the ongoing assistance in routine maintenance and veterinary care.*

*While it is gratifying that agencies have increasingly come to rely on the National Police Dog Foundation to help provide for their needs, it is daunting to come up with the necessary funds to provide for these communities. If our forecast holds true,, we will need to raise over \$140,000 just to stay abreast of current needs. (in addition we really need to start setting aside funds for an endowment fund, for a retired Police K-9 assistance fund, and for an emergency veterinary medical and surgical expense fund.) All of these projects are desperately needed at the present time.*

*And so we turn to you, our friends., who have been interested and helpful in the past. Will you help us again in this time of need?*

*You obviously realize, from your past interest,, how important and valuable these Police Service Dogs are to each of our communities.*

*Most of their deeds of valor go unreported (much less remembered). But I can never forget hearing of K-9 Kim coming on duty just at dark one winter day to be told that it would not be necessary for him to search for an elderly gentleman (who had gone for his walk and not returned) as several patrol officers had done a complete search of the neighborhood and he just was not there. Well., the handier said she needed to take her partner for a walk anyway and it would not hurt to double back over the area. To make a long story short, the gentleman was found by K-9 Kim, unconscious with a head wound., where he had fallen into a creek bed (thoroughly searched by several human officers). I cannot help but wonder if he would still be alive by the time that area was re-searched by human officers later.*

*I also cannot imagine a good outcome if K-9 Canto had not found a*

*dangerous felon hiding in the closet in a house that all reason told the searching humans was impossible. It seems that he disappeared into a residential neighborhood., so a house-to-house search was started. At one house the gardeners working in front said there was no way someone could have entered that house without their noticing. When the owner came to the door., she said there was no way he could have entered the house., as she had large dogs in the house that were very protective. The handier said they needed to search anyway., just to be sure. When they came to a bedroom with a closet whose door was shut and had a skateboard leaning up against the outside of it,. and K-9 Canto showed interest, even the handier thought it was impossible for him to be hiding in there. He actually thought K-9 Canto might want to play with the skateboard and thought to himself "'not now., Canto" K-9 Canto started to move away., as he felt this from his handier, but then went back and very deliberately pushed the skate board away and then alerted on the door. Inside this closet was the wanted felon. I cannot help but wonder if we might not have read in the papers a few days later that "Mrs. Neighbor" was missing. And perhaps weeks later her car would be found in the desert., but she might never be found.*

*I am certain that these marvelous Police Service Dogs affect the future in a very positive way that will never be fully understood or fully appreciated.*

*Will you please look into your heart (and finances) to see how you might be able to help? Your generous., tax-deductible gift will be greatly appreciated and put to tremendously good use.*

*I cannot help but wonder what would happen to all of these important services and valuable K-9 officers without your generous and continued help.*

*Thank you for allowing me to share our need with you. I hope to hear from you soon.*

*Sincerely,  
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