

K-9 Supply Program



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Hello everyone! Well we have paired up five (5) kennels and twenty-three (23) deployed teams as of April 15, 2008. April 2008 brings us to two years and eight 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.

The May 2008 K-9 Supply Program report will not be distributed until late May. I will be on vacation and away on the east coast and far away from my computer!

Area of Operation Status

FOB Warrior (506th ESFS), Iraq, with six troops under the command of TSgt Andrew Esparza from the 355th SFS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona have received their Surges, Thailand Challenge Coins, Thailand Handler Patches, three Heavy Duty 24 inch floor squeegees, forty sponges, and forty cleaning/scouring pads. Sounds like they are cleaning up! FOB Warrior is being supported by K-9 personnel from Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ., Hill AFB, UT., Moody AFB, GA., Nellis AFB, NV., Holloman AFB, NM., and Mountain Home AFB, ID., and is located in northern Iraq approximately 240 kilometers north of Baghdad on the West side of the city of Kirkuk.

Manas Air Base (376th ESFS), Kyrgyzstan, with five troops under the command of TSgt Darnell Breeden from the 11th SFS, Bolling AFN, Washington, DC have also received their Surges, Thailand Challenge Coins, Thailand Handler Patches, kongs for the dogs and toilet paper for the troops – you know what they say – "You have to get the paper work done!" Manas is being supported by K-9 personnel from Bolling AFB, Washington, DC., Little Rock AFB, AR., Cannon AFB, NM., Beale AFB, CA., and Moody AFB, GA. Manas Air Base (unofficially Ganci Air Base) is a United States military installation at Manas International Airport, near Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, primarily operated by the U.S. Air Force.

FOB Rustamiyah, Baghdad, Iraq, (an Army detachment, 4th ID in support of 4th BDE 10th Mountain Division deployed from the 374th SFS out of Yokota AB Japan) with two troops under the command of Kennel Master SSG Eric Hooker from Fort Jackson, SC, is getting geared up and we are hearing more from them each week. FOB Rustamiyah is being support by Army & Air Force personnel from Ft. Jackson, SC, and Langley AFB, VA., and is located in eastern Baghdad. Their Surges have been shipped!

Camp Victory, Iraq, with five troops under the command of SSG Joe Kirkey from the U. S. Army Detachment from Schofield Barracks, HI is now up and rolling. Camp Victory is being supported by K-9 troops from Schofield Barracks, HI., Moody AFB, GA., Little Rock AFB, AR., Kirtland AFB, NM., and is the primary component of the Victory Base Complex (VBC) which occupies the area surrounding the Baghdad International Airport (BIAP). Their Surges have been shipped!

Camp Taji, Iraq, with three troops under the command of SSG Chase Turbitt from the U. S. Army Detachment/342nd MP BN, from Ft. Leonard Wood, MO., is also up and rolling. Camp Taji is being supported by K-9 troops from Ft. Leonard Wood, MO., Ft. Knox, KY., and Ft. Jackson, SC., and is approximately 20 miles north of Baghdad.

Photographs of our New Pups

We just received these photographs from SSgt Zac Burt! Zac is deployed to FOB Rustamiyah, Baghdad, Iraq and he's a second tour veteran of OD&P.



SSgt Zac Burt & MWD Kibo – Deployed from 1st SFS Langley AFB, Virginia

“Thailand K-9” Surges to Manus Air Base, Kyrgyzstan



TSgt Darnell Breeden, Manus Air Base, after receiving their Surges, Thailand Handlers Challenge Coin, and Thailand Dog Handler patch responded by saying “Just received your ‘outstanding gifts’. My guys told me they don’t want to use them because they are too nice. I ensured them they are for usage and you guys would be proud if they did. I am going to get some action photo's in the next day or so of them using them and supporting your coins, the patches are awesome. We greatly appreciate the gifts.”



**TSgt Randy Fontenot / Moody AFB, GA TSgt Danielle Russell / Beale AFB, CA
Working out with their new Leatherman Surge Tool at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan**

Other News concerning OD&P Graduates!

We recently heard from MA3 Robert Pennington, who we supported during his tour at FOB Warrior over a year ago. Here's Bob's message!

How's it going? Right now I am still in Florida but about to transfer to Italy in June where soon after I will be back in the sand. My New dog Tim and I were back over there in Jan for a short visit with the President. I am glad it was a short visit though. I retired Cindy and adopted her but soon after her first handler which is now an E7 called and begged me to let him give her a great home. Sadly I did but only because I knew he could offer her a better retirement then I could. Other than that I am still in K9 and still trying to figure them out. I also again wanted to thank you and Dixie (Whitman) for all the support y'all gave while I was there and the updates and support since.

MA Pennington was deployed from Naval Air Station Mayport, Florida – he's a Texan that loves to hunt! It sure was great hearing from him – way to go Dixie for all of your support.

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

At the time of this report we have **24** members of the "Old Dawgs & Pups" program actively supporting **23** handlers assigned to five 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 588 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in Iraq from August 21, 2005 to April 15, 2008. Over eighty-five "Old Dawgs and Friends" have supported over ninety nine 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 **\$7,385.00** of supplies for the 23 kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate donation, the total is **\$16,535.00!**

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!**

- 122 Leatherman "Surge" Tools (75) Donated by Leatherman) *
- * The Leatherman "Surge" donation is valued at approximately **\$9,150.00**
- 75 Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 57 Guardian Pet Beds
- 40 Sponges
- 40 Cleaning/Scouring Pads
- 34 Kongs
- 22 Doggles (10 Pairs were donated)
- 19 VSPA Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
- 16 Coastal Medium Firm Shedding Blades
- 16 Classic Long Tooth Undercoat rakes
- 15 Thailand Historical Base Patches
- 12 Coastal Large Slickers
- 12 Heavy Guard Handled Water Pails
- 8 K9 Bluelight Supplement (2 pound bags)
- 8 Muzzles
- 8 Kygen Port-A-Bowls
- 8 Cooling Wraps
- 8 PSI Water Holes
- 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
- 4 Kygen 2-In-1 Food/Water Bowls
- 4 Large Kongs
- 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
- 1 Drink Mixes & Snacks (Large Box)
- 1 Case Toilet Paper (30 Rolls)

Note: Some of you may receive this twice. I apologize - it's a data base thing!