

K-9 Supply Program



NEWS FLASH – Dateline Iraq & Qatar!

The Guardian Pet Cots that we ordered for the 823rd SFS (506th ESFS) are on the ground! We got those puppies off the concrete and into some great sleeping quarters! In addition, thank to Leatherman (and especially Juli Warner, once again) we are in the process of sending “Surge” tools to the three new troops of the 506th SFS. These are special edition tools – they are engraved with “**THAILAND K-9**”, way to go Leatherman!



We also provided the new handlers with a Thailand Handler Challenge coin – we have them “geared up” and tracking.



I would also like to announce that we have gained the support of the Blue Star Mothers – Chapter 201, Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, under the leadership of Ms. Dorothy Niklos. They have shipped “care packages” to the 407th (Ali), 506th (Kirkuk) and are in the process of sending goodies to the 379th (Southwest Asia).

Many of you remember TSgt Max Talley from Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, who gave us a great kennel tour at the VSPA/VDHA reunions in 2004, he has been our on the ground Point Man for the 379th. They also trained with the 823rd during their ramp up for their recent deployment. Thanks Max!

I know that some of you currently do not have a “Pup”. We have a new group, maybe two, heading out in late July/early August and you will be contacted to see if you would like to participate in that pairing. Please bear with me!

Here's the total update on the K-9 Supply Program to date.

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 281 pieces of equipment has been delivered to our K-9 troops serving in Iraq from August 21, 2005 to July 15, 2006. Over seventy "Old Dawgs and Friends" have supported over forty-five K-9 personnel via our program. For additional information on the program please go to:

http://www.pbbase.com/635thk9/old_dawgs

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

We have purchased and shipped **\$3,080.90** of supplies for the three kennels solely via your personal donations. Including the Leatherman corporate donation, the total is **\$6,866.90!**

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!**

*** The Leatherman "Surge" donation is valued at approximately \$3,786.00**

60	Thailand Challenge Coins (Donated & Purchased)
36	Guardian Pet Beds
36	Leatherman "Surge" Tools (Donated by Leatherman) *
13	VSPA Challenge Coins (Donated)
12	Coastal Large Slickers
12	Coastal Medium Firm Shedding Blades
12	Classic Long Tooth Undercoat rakes
12	Doggles
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
5	Classic HG Food Dishes
5	Heavy Guard Handled Water Pails
4	Kygen 2-In-1 Food/Water Bowls
4	Large Kongs
3	100' Foot Water Hoses
3	Nozzles
2	12" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
2	18" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
2	5" Heavy Duty Cleaning Brushes
2	24" Heavy Duty Floor Squeegees
1	Drink Mixes & Snacks (Large Box)

Remember the “doggles” that we purchased for the teams? Here’s MWD Rex, assigned to SSgt David Ortiz, 101st/AF, getting ready for an air assault mission. Is Rex cool or what? Who is that behind those Foster Grants?



Bill

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