

K9 Corner

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Providing <u>free</u> lifesaving medical care to retired law enforcement and military dogs no longer cared for by the government

SAVED with the Help of Generosity Like <u>Yours</u>, K9 Hero Lili Will Steal <u>Your</u> Heart!

Meet Lili, one of the over 300 retired hero pups Paws of Honor is proud to support in their sunset years. Military Working Dog Lili served in

Hi, I'm Lili! I have a rare eye condition that requires me to wear googles anytime I am exposed to sunlight -- but that doesn't stop me!

the U.S. Air Force for five years as a Patrol/Explosive Detection K9, deploying to Qatar, helping with United States Secret Service missions, and even completing an outreach event in Canada.

Now retired from service, Lili needed urgent medical care after her vet discovered she had a perforated GI tract. Without emergency surgery -- right away --Lili could die. After surgery,

Lili continued to leak fluid, and a second scan discovered a mass in her stomach that needed to be removed and biopsied.

The total cost of Lili's medical bill was OVER \$10,000, PAID IN FULL thanks to the generous donations of friends like you! Your support allowed Lili's family to focus on loving Lili and helping her

heal, rather than worrying about the financial burden of an emergency trip to the vet.

While Lili's story is heartwarming, it is far from unique. Because every day Paws of Honor puts their heart and soul into serving the retired military and law enforcement K9s across

America -- 541 since 2015! -- that have poured

their hearts and souls into protecting and serving our country at home and abroad.

Your dedication to serving America's deserving retired working dogs in their golden years is helping save the lives of hero pups like Lili, giving them more time to comfortably live out their days with their families. I hope you enjoy the stories of hope and happy endings enclosed in your supporter-



My life was saved by emergency surgery costing over \$10,000 -- paid for by Paws of Honor and kind friends like you!

Thank you! - Lili

exclusive *K9 Corner* newsletter -- highlighting all the good your generosity is doing for our four-legged heroes!

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Your Generosity Is Helping These K9 Heroes Live An Endless Summer!



Explosive Detection K9 Bas

Hi! I'm K9 Bas. I served nearly six years as an Explosive Detection K9 for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). I supported airports and cities all over the country and even was sent to Houston following Hurricane Harvey. I plan to spend my summer outside, playing with my ball. My dad says, "Bas is a fighter! With the support of the Great People that donate to Paws of Honor Bas still goes outside to play with his favorite toy."

Explosive Detection K9 Bubba

Hi! I'm K9 Bubba, and I served nine years as an Explosive Detection K9 with the U.S. Navy. I performed security while assigned to Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain, and I always put a smile on everyone's face, no matter how hot or miserable the conditions were. I plan to spend my summer outside in my wagon. I recently turned 13, and struggle to walk long distances, so my parents give me rides in my wagon. My parents say, "[Bubba] loves to be outside and just sun bathe so the wagon helps her keep active even when she's tired! Thank you for everything you all do."



Explosive Detection K9 Borna

Hi! I'm K9 Borna. I served for six years as an Explosive **Detection K9** for the **Transportation Security Administration**. I worked at LaGuardia Airport, then Oakland International Airport, and I even performed security for Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles. I am very energetic and loved to work -- but now that I'm retired, / plan on spending the summer outside snoozing in the sunshine!

Explosive Detection K9 Maggie

Hi! I'm K9 Maggie. I served as an Explosive Detection K9 for the Transportation Security Administration. I plan to spend my summer enjoying my favorite past times -- boating on Big Bear Lake in California! My mom says, "Thanks [Paws of Honor] for adding more years to Maggie's life and more happiness to ours."



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Explosive Detection K9 Christy

Hi! I'm K9 Christy, and I served as an Explosive Detection K9 for the federal government. Now happily retired, I plan to spend my summer cooling off and playing in the water! After I had emergency surgery, my handler said, "At a time when you're worried whether or not your partner is going to be OK, Paws of Honor is there to take the financial burden off of your shoulders thru their amazing support. Thanks to them and everyone who helps support them!"

Your Gift Does MORE For Our Heroes When YOU Join Our "K9 Companion Club" Monthly Giving Family



K9 Companion Club members support heroes like Ares, a retired Explosive Detection K9 with the U.S. Secret Service who received emergency surgery to remove his eye, at no cost to his owners, thanks to Paws of Honor donors like you. Like virtually all our nation's retired K9s, Ares receives zero retirement or other benefits from the government -- so, with your generous support, Paws of Honor will continue provide 100% of K9 Ares' veterinary and medical care as they are able!

Paws of Honor's **K9 Companion Club** is a simple and secure way YOU can help care for America's K9 heroes after they retire from service -- with some great benefits that make it as easy as possible for you to continue your faithful patriotic support for America's four-legged heroes!

- ★ You don't have to waste time writing checks or searching for stamps; instead, your monthly donation is conveniently charged to your credit card each month.
- ★ Your monthly gift benefits even more K9 heroes -- because knowing we can count on your gift allows us to plan ahead financially and maximize our effectiveness.
- ★ You definitely won't want to once you see how much good your gift does, but you're free to cancel or pause your K9 Companion Club membership at any time.

Your monthly gift is life-changing. So join the **K9 Companion Club** today – to support our K9 heroes in desperate need of urgent medical care and ongoing treatment to improve their quality of life. They dedicated their lives to serving our country ... and now it's our turn to care for them in their sunset years! To enroll, please see your enclosed reply form.

Cast Your Vote! for Paws of Honor's K9 of the Month

YOU DECIDE: Which of these K9s should be Paws of Honor's *Hero Dog of the Month*? Cast YOUR vote today on your enclosed reply form! Be sure watch for the winner announcement in one of your next **K9 Corner** newsletters.



"Thank You" From K9s and Handlers Helped By Donors Like You!



The officers, handlers, and owners <u>YOU</u> are helping provide veterinary care and products free of charge are so grateful for your support. Because, without your help, many would struggle to provide their retired military and law enforcement K9s with the medical attention they need to live healthy happy lives after retiring from a life of service. So the messages below are for <u>YOU</u>!

"Paws of Honor has been a tremendous help for our canine team, who was retired last year. Canine **Dallas requires constant medical treatment** which would [have] been very costly for me the handler who adopted him. We greatly appreciate it and [are] very thankful for Paws of Honor. Thank you again!!" — Handler of K9 Dallas, who worked eight years for the Department of Homeland Security U.S. Federal Protective Service

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"[K9] Tank was my husband's partner at various federal agencies for 6 years. When Tank retired a couple of years ago, the wear & tear of working started to show up on his body in the form of hip issues, elbow arthritis & spinal issues. Paws of Honor welcomed Tank into their program & alleviated all the stress associated with paying for his extensive veterinary care. We never have to stress about costly diagnostic tests, medicine or treatments because Paws of Honor covers 100% of his needs. The organization has welcomed him & us with open arms & we have found a loving & supportive community of fellow retired K9s & their families. We don't know where we would be without Paws of Honor & we are so thankful for their support."

– Meg, wife of the handler of K9 Tank, a retired Explosive Detection dog for the U.S.

Department of State



Inspired by K9 Beau

Erik Larson is an amazing photographer who captures K9s in their element. In fact, he started working with K9s because of THIS pup, K9 Beau, who joined the Paws of Honor program last year!

Erik said, "I wanted to give Paws of Honor a shout out ... they've been taking care of Beau's medical expenses since he retired. I just found that out today. At the beginning of March, I made a post asking for help to raise money to help get K9 Zoe the medical treatment that she needed. **Paws of Honor contacted me almost immediately asking me if they could help.** Paws of Honor you truly are awesome!"