



Kenya was an explosive detection canine until forced to retire due to health complications leading to a rare blood disorder. Thanks to generous donors like you, Paws of Honor covered her medical bills in excess of \$5,000.

K9 Kenya



Meet Cobra, a retired explosive detection dog who bravely served in Afghanistan. Thanks to friends like you, she received the expensive emergency surgery she needed to remove a cancerous cyst from her tail, at no cost to her Navy servicemember and mom, Ashley S.



K9 Cobra

Cheryl Bertolino
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Dear Cheryl Bertolino,

THANK YOU from K9 Pink and me for your tax-deductible \$100 gift.

Your pawsome support helps provide lifesaving medical care to retired police and military dogs, most no longer cared for by our government.

And Pink, a black lab, is one of those hero dogs.

Pink was even recognized by the FBI for her work on helping track and locate the body of a kidnapped child – bringing closure to the child’s grieving family.



Here I am, resting with Deputy Thomas after lifesaving surgery. Without donors like you, I wouldn't be alive today. You're my hero!

But soon into her retirement, **Pink** needed lifesaving surgery to repair a hole in her stomach and damaged intestines – **costing roughly \$12,000**. Thanks to supporters like YOU, **Pink** got the lifesaving surgery she needed at **no charge to her family**.

And without friends like you, many heroes like **Pink** could continue to suffer from cancer, painful arthritis, and other **life-threatening conditions due to their service** and, in rare cases, **even be euthanized**.

And you're also helping build public awareness for retired K9s. So on behalf of Pink and all the dogs you're helping to save, **THANK YOU!** As a key friend, I'd value your vote on your enclosed **Member Survey**.

In Gratitude,

Bob Youngblood, Founder and President

P.S. Enjoy your **FREE K9 Heroes** bookmark and decal as a special thank you! **One more thing:** Please take a moment to sign and return your enclosed **“Thank You” card** to help us honor the service and sacrifices of our nation’s veteran K9 families this **Memorial Day**.

P.P.S. **Right now because we have more hero dogs who need lifesaving surgery, chemotherapy, or other expensive veterinary care than we can afford, I've got to ask.** Will you join our **K9 Companion Club** by making a monthly gift? Because your dependable support is critical to respond quickly when an emergency strikes for America’s hero dogs, even a smaller gift of \$50 will help save the life of a retired hero dog like **Pink**.

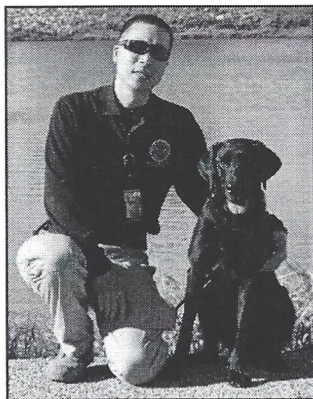
No goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift of \$100, received on March 12, 2024. Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by federal law. Please retain this letter for your tax records.



Woof! Here's me – Pink. I was a police Cadaver Dog, teamed up with my favorite human, Deputy Thomas. We even helped bring four murderers to justice!

Your Gift Helps Provide Lifesaving Veterinary Care For Retired Military and Law Enforcement Dogs

America's retired K9s deserve accessible, high quality veterinary care in return for their loyal commitment and sacrifice for our country. I know you agree the monetary burden associated with veterinary care should not fall on the shoulders of the officer/handler/owner once the K9 has been decommissioned.



◀ **K9 Kkovalcin** is a 11-year-old Labrador Retriever who worked almost exclusively from 2013 - 2021 as an Explosive Detection dog for TSA. Now retired, Kkovalcin loves his squeaky tennis ball and the beach.



◀ **K9 Luca** was assigned to sniff out drugs in Washington state. After just two years, a sudden onset of Immune Mediated Bilateral Retinal Detachment forced her to retire from the U.S. Navy. This sweet girl now lives with her former handler and enjoys long walks and naps.

Other ways you can help our retired K9 heroes:

- Alert your friends and neighbors to the fact that when most K9s retire from active duty, all the dogs' benefits cease, including veterinary care. Many officers, handlers, and owners simply cannot afford this expense.
- Write, call, or e-mail your local elected officials to make them aware our K9 heroes have earned, and deserve quality veterinary care for their services.
- Spread the word on social media outlets about the needs of our military and law enforcement dogs who have retired from service.
- Send us the name and e-mail address of any pet owner or handler you're aware of who needs Paws of Honor's professional veterinary services so we can contact them and see if we can be of assistance.
- Inform your fellow pet owners to educate dog breed clubs and associations' (AKC) membership of the services provided by Paws of Honor to these four-legged heroes.

Paws of Honor Thank You Card Program

Paws of Honor sends thank you cards to people across America to sign and return. These cards are delivered to the handlers of military and law enforcement dogs who have retired from service or a vet staff member who cares for them as a show of gratitude.

K9 Dyson served with the United States Secret Service. Last fall he required emergency surgery to correct a blocked and twisted colon. Dyson's surgery was successful but at a cost in excess of \$11,000. Thanks to generous supporters like you, the medical bill was covered at no cost to his family.

"Paws of Honor was there to make sure Dyson came home... Thank you for giving us the chance to be with Dyson for hopefully a long retirement." - K9 Dyson's handler



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