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AUBURN'S K-9 DUTCH TO RECEIVE A BULLET & STAB PROTECTIVE VEST

Auburn Police is pleased to announce that K-9 Dutch is scheduled to receive a bullet and stab protective vest from the efforts of Vested Interest in K9s, Inc, a Massachusetts based 501c(3) non-profit and the Petco Foundation. K9 Dutch is one of 16 police K9s in New England who will receive a vest thanks to a \$15,000 grant awarded by the Petco Foundation to Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.



The Petco Foundation donates approximately \$15 million a year to make a difference in the lives of millions of animals. The organization is funded through donations raised during fundraisers conducted in Petco's more than 1,200 stores across the country, as well as from Petco associates, vendors and corporate contributions. The majority of the funds raised remain in the communities where they were raised.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) all volunteer charity located in East Taunton, MA. whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests for law enforcement dogs throughout the United States. Each vest costs \$950.00 and has a 5 year warranty. The nonprofit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially life-saving body armor for their four legged K9 Officers. Through private and corporate sponsorships, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 438 law enforcement dogs with protective vests since their inception in August of 2009. Over \$400,000 in K9 vests have been donated in 36 states including Alaska and Hawaii.

The organization orders the Armor Express vests made in Central Lakes, MI exclusively from distributor Regency Police Supply in Hyannis, MA. who also does the custom embroidery on the body armor.

For more information about Vested Interest in K9s visit www.vik9s.org or call 508-824-6978.

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