

K9 Veterans gain ground

Major ground is being gained in the fight to honor our K9 Veterans of all sorts, from all of our wars, to include the present war against terror, and to give everlasting thanks for their service and sacrifice in defense of our precious freedoms. The goal is to make March 13 - K9 Veterans Day, as March 13, 1942 is the official birthday of the United States K9 Corps, and progress is mushrooming. The initial ground was broken one year ago as Jacksonville, FL became the first city in the nation to declare such a day, followed closely by Panama City, FL, Pemberton Township, NJ (first in NJ), Sarasota County, FL, Largo, FL, Clearwater, FL, and the city of St. Cloud, along with a proclamation from the Governor of Florida, setting the standard for all other states to follow. And now the effort is gaining ground across the country, as Cincinnati, OH, and San Diego, CA became the first cities in Ohio and California to agree that these Veterans deserve their day of thanks. Now this effort was born in Jacksonville, home to k9veteransday.org, but clearly all of America knows that these Veterans also deserve to be thanked.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America has now joined the fight, and they are calling on all dog groups to participate with them, as they know that their breed may be one of the most recognized breeds to have served, but that dogs of many breeds have done the same, to include the mix breeds that did our Country proud on the battlefields of WW II. The GSDCA has offered to help in any possible way, recognizing that this memorial organization is not seeking donations, and is therefore dependant on others to help, just as the dogs of war asked for nothing but love. An effort therefore will be launched to have their members work towards adding Cities and States all across the Nation, to speak as one for the dogs, who literally have no voice of their own. And here again the support of other breed groups, working dog groups, Police K9, Border Patrol K9, Search and Rescue K9, and others are encouraged to join this most honorable endeavor.

And in this day of negative press with regards to dogs in general, there can be no greater positive than to say that, "Dogs are Veterans too!"

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