

Once upon a time....

There was a police dog named Solo. Solo was sent into a building to apprehend an armed suspect. Solo never came out. He was shot and killed in the line of duty.

**The shot seems unavoidable.
The death seems needless.**

If Solo had been wearing the same kind of body armor his owner wore, he would most likely be alive today, still apprehending criminals.



Stories like this were the inspiration for Wisconsin VEST-A-DOG.

WISCONSIN VEST-A-DOG

is a non-profit, tax deductible organization and is endorsed by the local veterinary association. 100% of every donation is used for the purchase and shipping of vests.

The goal of Wisconsin VEST-A-DOG is to provide a bullet proof and stab proof vest for every police dog in Wisconsin. The vests are the only protection these K-9 officers have until their human partners arrive on the scene.

OVER A DOZEN DOGS ARE KILLED EACH YEAR

Most are shot or stabbed by the suspects they were attempting to apprehend.

K-9 police dogs are an important and necessary part of crime prevention. Every day they loyally carry out their dangerous work to keep us safe. They deserve the same level of protection as their human partners. They deserve bullet proof & stab proof vests too!

Sadly, many law enforcement agencies and police departments do not have the funds to purchase body armor that can save the lives of their police dogs. The cost of each vest is \$840.

THAT'S WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

In Wisconsin, we have over 250 canine officers. Most of them do not have protection. With your help and generosity, we can protect them as they courageously serve to protect us. They put their lives on the line for ours every

day. On a moments notice, and without a second thought, they will give up their life to save ours.

PARTNERS, FRIENDS & FAMILY

K-9 officers live with their human partners. They become a part of their family. As special partners, K-9 officers give their lives so human officers can return home to their families. Sgt. Brian Reboltz states, "They're always a working dog, but when you get off work at the end of the night, it becomes a family friend. We don't want to lose our friend."



YOU CAN HELP!

HERE'S HOW:

- You can make a tax deductible donation. As soon as we reach the total needed for a vest, we order one for the next dog on the list. If you would like your donation to go to a specific dog's vest, just let us know!
- Be a donor! Buy the whole vest and have the satisfaction of knowing that **YOU** may have saved the life of a police canine.
- Help organize and host a fund-raising event.
- Distribute collection boxes to businesses.
- Put up one of our flyers at your work place.
- Be a contact person in your county for WI Vest-A-Dog.
- Volunteer a few hours in a booth at one of our fund raisers.
- Any other ideas for raising funds.

NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL!!

Donate on-line or mail checks & money orders to:

WI VEST-A-DOG

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Janesville, WI 53546

Phone: (608) 752-3539

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COST-EFFECTIVE

Spending \$840 to purchase a stab/ballistic vest is not only the humane thing to do. It's also cost-effective. The purchase protects the already existing \$50,000 investment:

\$14,000 - K-9 purchase and training of dog and handler (officer).

\$36,000 - Purchase of vehicle and K-9 vehicle modifications.

Total: \$50,000 (average cost)



Officer Glen Hageman & K-9 Karo with Donna Morgan
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PROTECTING THE DOGS WHO PROTECT US