

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.



Explosive detection canine, Senna, developed a limp that was diagnosed as a rare sarcoma tumor. Her front left leg needed to be amputated but thanks to grateful supporters, her medical care was 100% covered.



K9 Senna

K9 Kenya

Cheryl Bertolino 80 Profio Rd. Mc Donald, PA 15057-9740

Dear Cheryl Bertolino,

You're a true hero to the suffering retired law enforcement and military dogs we're helping thanks to your tax-deductible \$100 gift. Thank you!

Your *new* bookmark and decal are enclosed as a small token of my appreciation. I hope they'll remind you of the <u>hero dogs you're helping save</u> with your generous financial support.

Your support helps provide <u>FREE lifesaving medical care to our country's retired law enforcement and military dogs no longer cared for by our government</u>. And you're helping to raise national awareness about their struggles.

Frankly, your donation couldn't have arrived at a better time. And, I can't thank you enough. You see, calls are coming in from families of <u>sick or wounded hero dogs in desperate need of lifesaving medical</u> treatment and other needed veterinary care.

You know, once retired from government service, these hero dogs aren't entitled to any medical benefits.

And without friends like you, many of these heroes could continue to suffer from <u>cancer</u>, <u>chronic</u> <u>arthritis</u>, and other <u>life-threatening ailments due to their service</u> and, in rare cases, <u>even be euthanized</u>.

Your support is helping save hero pups like retired military explosive detection **K9 Cobra**, who needed over \$3,000 in surgery to remove a cancerous cyst from her tail. **Cobra** had served in Afghanistan and was retired after the vehicle she was riding in hit a roadside bomb.

Thanks to supporters like you, **Cobra** received the critical treatment she needed at <u>no cost to her</u> <u>handler</u>, <u>Navy service member Ashley S</u>., who told us: "That was a lifesaver, because I was pregnant with my third child, and I would not have been able to afford to take care of **Cobra** at that point."

You know, the expense of caring for heroes like **Cobra** can be a staggering burden on their families. That's why I'm so grateful our retired hero dogs and their families can count on generous friends like you.

You're a true friend to America's retired K9 heroes. And your answers on the enclosed **Supporter Survey** will provide valuable feedback. And from one dog lover to another – thanks again!

In Gratitude,

Bob Youngblood, Founder and President

- **P.S.** The enclosed "Thank You" Card is another way you can support the family of a retired military or law enforcement dog or a vet staff member who cares for them. So, please sign and return it in the enclosed envelope.
- **P.P.S.** As I mentioned, calls are coming into our office from desperate retired K9 families whose dogs need lifesaving surgery or other expensive veterinary care right away. You know I would never want to turn my back on even one of these hero dogs. Can I count on you to rush another special gift of \$50, \$100 or whatever you can afford today? Once again, thank you for your support.

Your \$100 gift received on September 9, 2022 is tax-deductible as allowed by law. Please retain this letter for your tax records.