

In Tribute to K-9 Partners...

*White Rose feels privileged to offer free cremation for dogs who have devoted their lives to service in K-9 police units, whether they have lost their lives in the line of duty or passed in peace.**

White Rose dedicates these pages to K-9 Partners



K-9 Hope 2000-2011

Worcester County Sheriff's Department—2001-2010
May 23, 2000-January 5, 2011
Deputy Shawn Conley, Handler

Hope worked for the Worcester County Sheriff's Department side-by-side with her handler Dep. Shawn Conley for nine years before retiring in the spring of 2010. She was also a member of The National Police Bloodhound Association.

Hope was outstanding with children and touched many lives when she and Dep. Conley taught children what to do if they were to become lost, and how Hope would find them. During the demonstrations Hope received much media attention, resulting in the nickname of Liz (as in Liz Taylor). Even when out of state, she was featured in the local paper.

Hope was a phenomenal tracking hound with many findings. Hope and Dep. Conley were presented a lifesaving award by the governor at the Massachusetts State House in 2008 for their outstanding find of a suicidal individual.

In 2007 Hope and her handler were the first bloodhound team to compete in the Green Mountain Iron Dog competition in Colchester, Vermont. They entered again in 2008 and 2009, coming home with a medal each time, and Hope's picture was in the Iron Dog 2008 calendar.

Hope enjoyed her home where she lived with her handler and his wife Sue. She is survived by K-9 Partners Blue and Teagan who will take up Hope's position at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office. She loved to play with Connor and Lucky, stealing their treats and letting them know who was boss. She was predeceased by her friends K-9 Duke, George, Casey, K-9 Maggie, Jake, Ben and Sonic.

In the summer Hope enjoyed swimming in the lake and lying on Hope's rock. In the winter she enjoyed lying by the woodstove and sitting by her master, drooling for his last bite of oatmeal. Every morning she would go out to the kennel and howl. It became the music of the neighborhood. Hope lived a very happy and spoiled life. She was truly loved by all. Hope has been laid to rest due to K-9 dementia.

Rest in peace our K-9 angel, you will always be our girl.

[Please see additional tributes on the following pages.](#)

White Rose will update these pages regularly with tributes to all the K-9 partners we have the privilege to serve when their lives are over.

* Handlers are asked to provide White Rose with the name and address of the department, the handler's name, a copy of the K-9 certification and the dates of service.

Guardians of the Night

Trust in me my friend for I am your comrade.
I will protect you with my last breath.
When all others have left you
And the loneliness of the night closes in,
I will be at your side.
Together we will conquer all obstacles
And search out those who might wish harm to others.
All I ask of you is compassion,
The caring touch of your hands.
It is for you that I will selflessly give my life
And spend my nights unrested.
Although our days together
May be marked by the passing of the seasons.
Know that each day at your side is my reward.
My days are measured by
The coming and going of your footsteps.
I anticipate them at the opening of the door.
You are the voice of caring when I am ill.
The voice of authority over me when I've done wrong.
Do not chastise me unduly
For I am your right arm,
The sword at your side.
I attempt to do only what you bid of me.
I seek only to please you and remain in your favor.
Together you and I shall experience
A bond only others like you will understand.
When outsiders see us together
Their envy will be measured by their disdain.
I will quietly listen to you
And pass no judgment.
Nor will your spoken words be repeated.
I will remain ever silent,
Ever vigilant, ever loyal.
And when our time together is done
And you move on in the world,
Remember me with kind thoughts and tales.
For a time we were unbeatable,
Nothing passed among us undetected.
If we should ever meet again on another field
I will gladly take up your fight.
I am a Police Working Dog and together
We are GUARDIANS of the NIGHT.

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The Police Dog

My eyes are your eyes
To watch and protect you and yours
My ears are your ears
To hear and detect evil minds in the dark
My nose is your nose
To scent the invader of your domain
And so you may live,
My life is also yours.

K-9 Scooby

1999-2010

Vermont State Police, Brattleboro—2000-2008
Sgt. Christopher Buckley, Handler



K-9 Scooby came to the Buckley Family in July, 2000, from the Northeast German Shepherd Dog Rescue in Rindge, NH. He was picked to join the ranks of the Vermont State Police K-9 program and served with the Vermont State Police K-9 Corps from August 1, 2000 to December 7, 2008.

All who encountered K-9 Scooby knew that he had a unique personality to match his celebrity name. In August 2000, he began his training at the Vermont Police Academy in Pittsford. His 16 weeks of patrol training, earned him his certification and he soon earned certification in Narcotic Detection. He also earned NESPAC certification in Patrol and Drug Detection.

During K-9 Scooby's career, he made 26 tracking finds and more than 100 drug searches. He was deployed more than 300 times in all. One of K-9 Scooby's most notable tracks involved a subject who had violently assaulted his girlfriend. Just prior to the arrival of the State Police, the subject fled into a wooded area, then into a swamp. K-9 Scooby located the subject hiding in the swamp and stood on his chest until he surrendered without incident. K-9 Scooby made many drug finds during his career. His most notable was 110 pounds of marijuana hidden in a false wall inside the trailer of a tractor-trailer truck. He maintained a 98% proficiency rating for his work. He also assisted in the recovery of more than \$200,000 in U.S. currency.

K-9 Scooby was well known for his visits to elementary and pre-schools throughout Chittenden and Windham Counties. Children were drawn to his unique personality and his ability to make them laugh. He will forever be

remembered for his unvarying reward when his job was done. He always received "a cheeseburger, no pickles, no onions."

K-9 Scooby was awarded the "2006 Tracking Team of the Year" by the Vermont Police Canine Association. He also participated in several "Iron Dog" Competitions and placed first in the 2001 competition.



K9 Ollie

2000-2009

Massachusetts State Police — 2003-2009
Trooper Chet Warwaka, Handler • Trooper Gary R. Hebert, Handler

Ollie was born in the Czech Republic in the spring of 2000 and purchased by the State Police from Orchard Knoll Kennels in North Carolina. Ollie was first assigned to Trooper Chet Warwaka. The team was trained and certified as a Patrol/Cadaver Team. Then Chet was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred from the Canine Unit. Trooper Gary Hebert was assigned K-9 Ollie, who was a tough dog and other handlers warned Hebert of his personality. But Ollie and Hebert bonded quickly Ollie became eager to please his handler. The new team was certified as a Patrol/Cadaver Recovery Team in the Fall of 2003.

The two went right to work assisting detectives in Marlboro to locate human remains of a suspected female homicide victim. While searching the woods that day, Ollie located a human skull. Detectives were puzzled because they already had the woman's skull. In searching for the rest of the second victim it was soon apparent that the area was the dumping grounds of a murderer.

Ollie had many other successful calls, from locating suspects wanted for breaking into an auto dealer in Holyoke to locating the area for divers to find a priest who had drowned when he fell out of his canoe on a pond in Paxton, MA.

Ollie was severely injured when he was struck by a vehicle in December of 2004. After three operations and aqua therapy, Ollie was well enough to return to work as a cadaver scent detection canine. Hebert was assigned another K9 for patrol work.

Ollie's most recognized find was a missing man in Chicopee, MA. Ollie had a noticeable attraction to a cellar door. He began sniffing and then scratched so aggressively at the door that it opened and he went in. While trying to retrieve him, Hebert observed Ollie scratching at a carpet on the floor and barking. Ollie's proven responses to cadaver scents led to an affidavit and a search warrant. Ollie returned to the cellar and repeated his earlier behavior. He also bit at a mattress in the corner of the cellar blocked in with other items. Ollie used his whole body to pull at the mattress and it finally tipped over where a very large blood stain was located. The investigation revealed that the missing man was murdered and burned under the carpet that Ollie was indicating. A suspect was arrested and is currently in prison for the murder.

Hebert has very fond memories of Ollie, considering him a great partner and a friend. Says Hebert, "I loved him very much and he will never be forgotten."



Webster

1995-2008

Massachusetts State Police — 1996-2005
Sgt. Neil H. Raymond, Handler

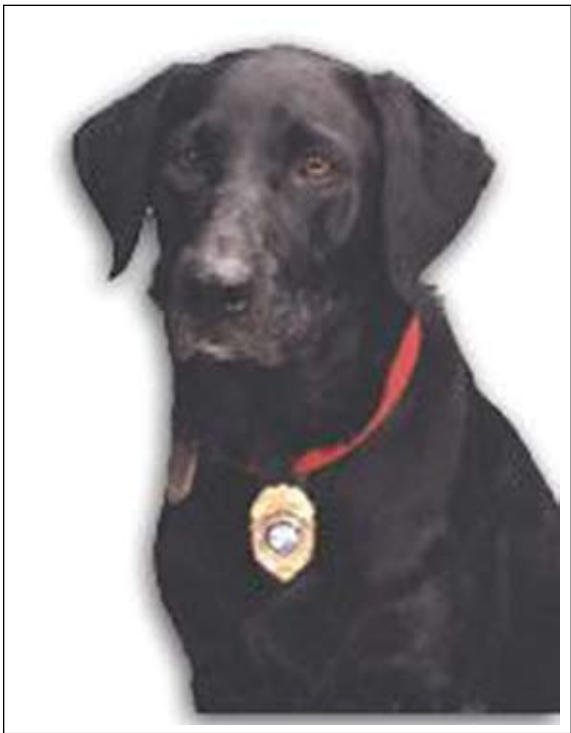
Bred and raised by the Fidelco Seeing Eye Foundation of Bloomfield, Connecticut, Webster was being developed as a seeing eye dog. Given his rambunctious spirit he was unable to complete his training and deployment to a blind handler.

He was tested and accepted in the Massachusetts State Police K-9 Program in September of 1996 where he was assigned to Sgt. Neil H. Raymond. After 14 weeks of patrol/utility training, "Web" was deployed to the field. He would return in 1997 to complete a 6 week narcotics detection training program.

Web served the State Police and Sgt. Raymond faithfully from 1996-2005, when he had to be retired due to medical reasons. During his tenure he saved the lives of two persons (a suicidal subject bent on his own demise and an 80-year-old Alzheimer victim lost overnight in a swamp). In two additional cases, he successfully tracked the rapist of a teenage girl to his doorstep and located a critical piece of evidence in a grievous assault on a woman, resulting in the successful prosecutions of both perpetrators. Web will probably be remembered most for his ability to educate the general public at the numerous public relations demonstrations he participated in.



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Beau

1992-2003

Vernon Police Department
Dick McNary, K-9 Handler (Retired)
Vernon, Vermont
Unknown - May 4, 2003

On May 4, 2003, Beau was allowed to pass peacefully on to her last track. Beau had been proud to serve the people of Vernon, Vermont, and the surrounding communities with police search and rescue, narcotics detection, and tracking for the past 9 years. She had worked in Vernon, Brattleboro, Guilford, Dummerston, Putney, Northfield, Hinsdale, Chesterfield and Keene.

Her work record shows she was involved in 19 searches with 11 finds, several criminal tracks with five arrests credited to her, and many drug detection call outs and drug busts in the area. She received several letters of commendation from area police departments for the services she provided.

There are two sayings created by a Brattleboro police officer that really were quite fitting of Beau's abilities, "Beau's nose knows," and "You can run from Beau but you sure can't hide." She loved people and loved to go to work. As soon as the phone rang in the middle of the night, she'd be right by Dick's side. If he started to dress, she would be waiting impatiently at the door ready to go.

Beau touched the hearts and lives of many. She served us well and with pride. We will all miss her, remember her friendliness and the way she loved people. Stay safe old girl. We love and miss you. God's speed.



K9 Duke

1999-2006

Worcester County Sheriff's Office
Worcester, MA
Deputy Shawn Conley, Handler
May 6, 1999 - May 5, 2008

K9 Duke served on the Worcester County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit from 1999 to 2006. He had a distinguished career in the sheriff's office and was a member of the National Police Bloodhound Association.

K9 Duke solved many cases throughout the Worcester County area. His first case was motor vehicle accident where the subject had run off into a wooded area. The subject was badly hurt. K9 Duke was scented off of a tooth found in the steering wheel of the vehicle. The subject was located and taken to the hospital. K9 Duke also solved a flag burning case. A group of youths were burning flags in a residential area. K9 Duke tracked the youths down and solved the case. K9 Duke was retired in 2006 due to a leg injury. He lived out the rest of his life with his handler, Deputy Sheriff Shawn R. Conley, and Conley's wife Susan. K9 Duke is survived by Hope, Teagen and Blue who have assumed Duke's duties at the Worcester County Sheriff's office.



K-9 Jet

1999-2007

Orange (MA) Police Department
Clay Rushford, Handler
November 4, 1999 - June 2, 2007

K-9 Jet came to the Orange, Massachusetts, Police Department from Germany and worked four and a half years before his death. He had earned an endurance title, a companion title and a Schutzhund I title. He was a certified patrol dog and had completed training in Homeland Security matters. Jet attended DARE graduations, was involved with many public demonstrations, and every year helped the Pioneer Women's Club promote the Santa Fund.

K-9 Jet completed over 70 tracks and had 20 arrests to his credit. In 2003 he tracked for a mile and a half a suspect who had vandalized Mahar High School five hours earlier. That same year he located, hiding in the school, two suspects who were involved in vandalism. In 2004 he tracked four teens involved in vandalizing the downtown area. In 2005 he was assigned to provide security for entertainer Bill Cosby, and in the summer of 2006, during a crime spree which involved breaking into vehicles, he did numerous tracks, recovering evidence and giving investigators an area to concentrate on. All those responsible were identified and charged.

K-9 Jet, born Gero vom Sassenberglund on 11/4/1999, died on 6/2/07 at the age of seven and a half years from a medical condition known as insulinoma. Jet leaves his partner Officer Clay Rushford and Clay's wife Melissa. He will be sadly missed by those he worked with and visited.



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Duke

1994-2007

Greenfield (MA) Police Department
Officer Timothy Currier, Handler
December 26, 1994 - January 9, 2007

“K-9 Officer Duke” served on the Greenfield Police Department K-9 Unit from December of 1995 through 2003. He was a faithful partner and best friend to his handler, Officer Timothy Currier. Duke was born in April of 1994 in Gill, MA and, sadly, passed in January 2007. He is greatly missed by so many of his family and friends. He will remain in the hearts of all who knew him for years to come.



Maggie Mae

1994-2007

Mantrailing Bloodhound
Templeton (MA) Developmental Center
October 6, 1994 - January 21, 2007

Maggie Mae worked full time at the Templeton Developmental-Center for the Campus Police Department in Templeton, MA. She was born at Camp Verde, AZ. Her working-dog parents were the legendary Righteous Boone (Yavapai Sheriff’s Department) and Sniffing Daisy (Department of the Interior at Grand Canyon National Park). Maggie was one of 18 litter mates. She also worked when needed for other agencies, mostly in the North Quabbin area, helping to track down criminals and find lost people.

During her first criminal trail Maggie relied on a five-hour-old trail, yet she brought to justice a subject who was poaching wild turkeys. She was seven months old. In July of 1996 she found a woman who had been missing for more than 15 hours in Phillipston, MA. Maggie trailed the scent during a severe thunderstorm. The woman was distraught, but okay.

In Athol, MA Maggie helped lead police to a house where a subject ran after her and stabbed a carnival worker who was sitting in his vehicle at the Lord Pond Plaza.

Maggie was known throughout the area for helping to teach school children the “Hug a Tree” program—what to do if they ever become lost in the woods, and how to help prevent such circumstances.

In August of 2002 Maggie was hit by a truck at the Templeton Developmental Center. Her front leg and both back feet were broken but, with help from the community, Maggie recovered and eight months later she responded to the town of Orange, MA where she helped the Orange police investigate a breaking and entering into a camp at Lake Mattawa. Maggie followed the scent from a 12-pack beer container and tracked one and a half miles to find the three subjects. They were brought to court and confessed to the crime. According to one of the confessed perpetrators, the trail Maggie followed was more than four weeks old.

In her later years Maggie went to work every day and enjoyed visiting the individuals who reside at the Developmental Center.

Maggie was predeceased by her pals Ajo, Bobbi, Goliath and Sasquatch (all bloodhound mantrailers) who together worked many successful searches and had numerous cases that were admissible for search warrants. She is survived by Molly Anne, who has assumed Maggie’s duties at the Templeton Developmental Center. She lived with her partner of 13 years, Campus Police Chief Ray Jackson, and Amy Jackson of Athol, MA. Maggie was a member of the National Police Association.



MaggieMae and Raymond Jackson, Police Chief

In 1997, Maggie was featured on Chronicle and PBS’s the “Uncle Matty Show” during a segment featuring bloodhounds. She replayed a search for a five-year-old child at the Red Apple Farm area.

Donations can be made in her memory to the “Bobbi Project” (a program to help police K-9’s and bloodhounds with medical bills), c/o Nancy Thompson, 136 Cove Road, Lunenburg, MA. 01462.

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K-9 Champ

1980-1988

Orange (MA) Police Department
Served March, 1982 to December, 1986
Clay Rushford, Handler

Champ died in 1988 and was buried on the lot occupied by the Orange Police Department. When Clay Rushford, Champ's handler, heard of a possible police department expansion that would disturb the spot where Champ is buried, he felt compelled to exhume Champ's body and find a means to bring him home for final resting. Champ came to White Rose for cremation on June 19, 2006.

Champ began his career after he was adopted from the local pound and impressed his new owner with his intelligence and temperament. Rushford said Champ was a quick learner and just perfect for the job. Champ participated in more than 20 arrests, most involving felonies. In March of 1983 he helped capture three suspects after chasing them through four miles of woods, thicket and waist-deep water. He also saved the life of an elderly man who was lost for approximately five hours, and he helped to apprehend an armed burglar who had attacked a resident with a knife. Champ retired after four years of service with the Orange Police Department. He was a faithful companion to co-workers on the force, a friend to many residents, and a great partner to Rushford.