

# 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. Or, if you would like your donation to go to a specific dog's vest, just let us know!
- Be a Donor! Donate the cost of an entire vest and have the satisfaction of knowing that **YOU** may have saved the life of a police dog.
- Help organize and host a fund-raising event.
- Distribute collection boxes to businesses.
- Have a Culvers Scoopie Night fundraiser to benefit us.
- Put up one of our flyers or brochures your workplace.
- Be a contact person in your county for WI Vest-A-Dog.
- Volunteer a couple of hours in our booth at one of our fundraisers.
- Like us on Facebook.
- For more ideas contact us.

***NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL!!***

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

**WI VEST-A-DOG, INC.**

**4459 Rockingham Dr.**

**Janesville, WI 53546**

**Phone: (608) 752-3539**

**Website: [www.wivestadog.org](http://www.wivestadog.org)**

**Email: [vestadogwisconsin@yahoo.com](mailto:vestadogwisconsin@yahoo.com)**

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K-9 Ivan thanking his partner Officer Henry Wilson

## COST-EFFECTIVE

Spending \$1,000 to purchase a stab and bullet-proof vest is not only the humane thing to do, it's also cost effective. The purchase protects the existing investment of over \$80,000.

\$17,000 - K-9 purchase and training of dog and handler (officer)

\$48,000 - Purchase of vehicle and K-9 vehicle modifications

\$22,000 Additional miscellaneous necessary equipment

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\$87,000 Total average cost of a new K-9 Unit



In memory of K-9 Ivan "the delightful" of Madison Police Department

## PROTECTING THE DOGS WHO PROTECT US

Once upon a time....

There was a police dog name Kai. Kai was sent to apprehend an armed suspect but in the process, he was shot and killed by that suspect. Kai died doing his job.

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

If Kai had been wearing the same kind of body armor his human partner wore, he would most likely have been alive for many more years, continuing to apprehend criminals.



Kai was the inspiration  
for Wisconsin Vest-A-Dog

### **WISCONSIN VEST-A-DOG**

is a non-profit, all volunteer organization endorsed by the WI Veterinary Assoc. Every tax deductible donation is used for the purchase and shipping of vests and other protective equipment.

### **Over 550 K-9s Protected as of summer 2018**

Our original goal of vesting every law enforcement dog in Wisconsin was achieved in March 2012. Yet, OUR MISSION IS NOT FINISHED!  
We still need to:

- (1) vest newly acquired K-9 dogs and
- (2) continue to replace all vests as their warranties expire every 5 years.

### ***AT LEAST TWO DOZEN DOGS ARE KILLED EVERY YEAR***

Most are killed by suspects they are attempting to apprehend. In 2017 there were 24 K-9's killed in the line of duty.

K-9 police dogs are an important and necessary part of crime prevention and criminal apprehension. 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 & stab proof vests also !

Sadly, the majority of law enforcement agencies do not have the funds to purchase body armor that can save the lives of their police dogs. The average cost of each vest is \$1000 - \$1300, depending on the type of vest that best suits each dog.

### **THAT'S WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Fortunately Wisconsin continues to add more K-9 officers each year.

On a moments notice, and without a second thought, they will give up their lives to save ours. With your help and generosity, we can continue to protect them as they courageously serve to protect us.

### **PARTNERS, FRIENDS & FAMILY**

K-9 officers live with their human partners. They become a part of their family. As special partners, K-9 officers risk their lives daily 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."

