



Fundraising calendar includes photos of 2 local police dogs Zoom Out



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Schultz, the Hull Police Department's dog, is one of the dogs in the calendar being sold to raise money for the purchase of protective K-9 vests. Schultz and Hull police officer Jon Mahoney graduated from the canine academy in January.



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BROCKTON — Police dogs from Hull and Brockton can add another line to their résumés: calendar model. And it's for a good cause. The 2013 calendar being offered by **Vested Interest in K-9s Inc.** includes photos of Schultz, the Hull Police Department's dog, and Koda, the Brockton department's dog.

Schultz, a 2-year-old Dutch shepherd and Belgian Malinois mix from the Netherlands, is the November dog. Koda, a black German shepherd, also from the Netherlands, is the August dog.

The other police dogs in the calendar include Labrador retrievers and bloodhounds.

Vested Interest in K-9s Inc. is a Taunton nonprofit that buys protective vests for law enforcement dogs. Its president, Sandy Marcal, said proceeds from calendar sales will be used to buy bullet- and stab-resistant K-9 vests, which cost more than \$1,000 each.

Police dogs "deserve the same level of protection (as police officers)," Marcal said Monday, noting that there are more than 20 dogs on the group's waiting list.

The nonprofit has outfitted police dogs in Taunton, Brockton, Fall River, New Bedford, Hull and elsewhere nationwide.

The calendar pays tribute to Gomo, a Brockton police dog and officer Darvin Anderson's partner for more than a decade. Gomo died in December.

Pet Food Shoppe in Lakeville donated Koda's vest. Brennan's Smoke Shop in Brockton donated a vest for Badge, a canine working for the Erving (Mass.) Police Department.

Calendars are available for sale at Sunshine Pet Parlor, 813 Nantasket Ave., Hull, and J.M. Pet Resort, 1014 Pearl St., Brockton.

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