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Vested Interest in K9s 2013 calendar now on sale

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K-9 Koda, a 2-year-old German Shepherd dog from Holland and the newest member of the Brockton, MA Police Department, is featured on the 2013 Vested Interest in K9s calendar. It is available at the Pet Food Shoppe on Rte. 44 in Lakeville and The Pet Salon on Rte. 28 in Middleboro.

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TAUNTON — Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. announces their 2013 color calendar featuring the Brockton Police Department's police dog, K9 Koda and a memorial tribute to former K9 Gomo, as well as other Massachusetts police dogs. The calendar is now on sale for \$15 online and at select retailers, including pet supply shops in Middleboro and Lakeville. Proceeds from the sales will provide bullet and stab protective vests for police dogs actively working without the potentially life saving equipment.

"We're really excited to offer this calendar, as it shows a great variety: different law enforcement departments, police dog breeds, and general activities of K9 teams," said Sandy Marcal, president of the East Taunton non-profit. "For example, we have German Shepherd dogs, Labrador Retrievers, Belgian Malinois and two Bloodhounds in the calendar. In some photos the dogs are in a 'sit' or 'down', and there's an action shot of K9 teams tracking and apprehending suspects. In addition, two young girls who raised funds for vests appear on the page with their special police dogs.

"Over the past two and a half years, with generous donations from individuals, organizations and businesses and lots of volunteer hours, we've helped vest over 106 police dogs, in local police departments, sheriff departments, MA Dept. of Corrections, and MBTA (MA Bay Transportation Authority) and throughout the United States," Ms. Marcal said.

Vested Interest in K9s has locally outfitted K9s from Taunton, Fall River, New Bedford, Brockton, Hull, Bristol County Sheriff's Office.

"Protecting K9s is our Priority," is the motto of Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds to provide bullet and stab protective vests for police dogs throughout Massachusetts and the United States.

There are presently over 20 law enforcement dogs waiting for a bullet and stab protective vest, which costs \$1000 each.

Stores offering the 2013 Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. Calendar for sale in Massachusetts include the Pet Food Shoppe, 6 Harding St. (Rte. 44) in Lakeville, and The Pet Salon, 122 East Grove St. (Rte. 28) in Middleboro.

Secure online ordering of the 2013 K9 calendar available at www.vik9s.org

Tax-deductible donations for VIK9s are welcomed via the website or by mail: Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. P.O. Box 9, East Taunton MA 02718.

For more information, call 508-824-6978 or visit the website www.vik9s.org.

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