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Update: Roseville Officer and Police Dog Assist in Online Fundraiser

Groupon fundraiser for Vested Interest in K9s raises donations for K-9 bullet-proof vests.

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File photo from 2011: Officer John Jorgensen and K-9 Major were honored at a Police Department awards ceremony in 2011. Officer Jorgensen is now working with a new K-9, Otis. Major had to retire after being crippled from multiple stabbings while on a police call in late 2010. Credit [Scott Carlson](#)

A national non-profit group that featured a Roseville police officer and his K-9 dog as part of its Facebook Groupon campaign that has raised more than \$55,000 to buy bullet-proof and stab-protective vests for police dogs.

In featuring Roseville police officer John Jorgensen and his dog K-9 Otis; Vested Inter

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we chose to feature vested interest in K-9s, Inc. in our Best of series because we noticed the group had a positive impact on the community.

said Kyle Klatt, Groupon Grassroots upervisor said in a press statement. "Even though we knew they had a compelling initiative, Groupon donors proved, with astounding contributions, that this is a mission worth supporting."

The online fund drive began on Christmas Day and ran through 11:59pm on Jan. 9, Marcal said. The online \$10 donation, suggested folks purchase a GROUPON (which is a tax deductible donation) through a secure website where all funds were allocated to purchase ballistic vests for our four legged crime fighters, she said.

Jorgensen has had Otis since his previous dog, K-9 Major, was stabbed four times in a police pursuit in late 2010 and was left paralyzed. K-9 Major did not have a vest, Marcal said.

Subsequently, K-9 Major was retired and Jorgensen got a new dog, Otis, as a K-9 helper last spring.

To see a video about officer Jorgensen and his two K-9 partners,click on to the following link: http://www.kare11.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=977315.

For more information about Vested Interest in K9s visithttp://www.facebook.com/l/IAQETmILdAQHYNWPRaL3SKM4aWt-wbuq97RzB1Qw_LWYEjA www.vik9s.org or call 508-824-6978.

Marcal said Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c(3) all charity non profit in Massachusetts whose mission is to raise funds to provide vests to law enforcement K9s throughout the United States. In 2012, 66 vests which cost more than \$1,000 were donated to law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

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