

Club seeks agencies in need of canine protective vests

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Blue Heron Agility Dogs of Delaware Treasurer Denise Jester, left, presented a check for \$1,000 in 2016 to Lewes Police Officer Tyrone Woodyard and his K9 partner Blue. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Blue Heron Agility Dogs of Delaware has provided funding for protective dog vests for several local police departments and the Delaware State Police. The club's goal is to have all canine partners in the community outfitted with the best equipment available.

The club is seeking recipients this year for two state-of-the-art protective vests for canine law-enforcement partners, to be given in May and September. For more information, contact Denise Jester at djester@nanticoke.org or 302-228-4710 or go to www.bhadd.org.

Local group providing police K-9s with protective vests

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Blue Heron Agility Association of Delaware wants to make sure every police K-9 in the First State has a protective vest and is working to make that happen.

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Bulletproof and stab-proof vests for K-9 unit dogs cost about \$1,000 and sometimes more according to Blue Heron Agility Association treasurer Denise Jester.

And Jester says they've raised the funds needed to get them for a variety of local law enforcement agencies.

“We have, over the past several years, provided eight vests. And some have been to local agencies and some have been to Delaware State Police and we’re just looking to make sure that all dogs in our vicinity are protected,” Jester said.

Jester says in addition to the Delaware State Police dogs, the Bridgeville, Lewes, Dover, Milton and Delmar Police Departments have also been outfitted with the protective vests by her group.

She says her agency plans to provide vests to two more agencies this May and September, and is seeking interested K-9 units.

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A Delaware group is looking for two police dogs from Maryland or Delaware for its next protective vest donations.

Blue Heron Agility Dogs of Delaware, a performance club, has donated funds for a number of vests for police K-9s in Delaware over the past four years, most recently to the Delmar Police Department.

According to club board member Denise Jester, the goal is to make sure every K9 in the area has a protective vest. "We are advocates for our canine friends and strive to make sure we help those who help us," she said in an email.

The club's next two donations are planned for May and September.

Agencies that need a K9 vest can contact Jester at djester@nanticoke.org, 302-228-1122 or 302-629-6611, ext. 2600.







DONATION TO CITY OF DOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Blue Heron Agility Dogs of Delaware (BHAD) presented a \$1,000 check to the City of Dover Police Department on May 6th to cover the cost of a new K9 protective vest. The check was presented to Captain Spicer, Officer Figueroa and his K9 partner, Reeko. Also attending the presentation were AKC (American Kennel Club) judges Ginger Robertson and Zach Davis.

This donation will provide a protective vest to the newest 4-legged member of the department. Captain Spicer indicated they will be purchasing a new K9 this month.

BHAD is a small AKC sanctioned performance club. We have been providing AKC Agility trials in Delaware and Maryland for 6 years. The funds from the events go back into our community through the donations for protective vests and other canine needs. The club has been able to provide 7 vests over the past 4 years. Another vest will be donated in September at our next agility trial to be held at Heartland Equestrian Center in Frederica, Delaware.

Our club goal is to make sure all of our K9 partners are protected with the best possible equipment. We are very proud of the fact that a club as small as ours, (33 members), has been able to bring attention to canine training and awareness, and we are able to offer 3 agility trials per year in our area.