

Shadow Fund

Retired Working Dogs/ K9s

Presented by

Central Indiana K9 Association, Inc.

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"Shadow Fund" Program Description

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MISSION

The mission of the "Shadow Fund" is to promote education on the importance of the partnership between working dogs and their handlers and raise public awareness about the health care of retired Police, Fire, Military, US Customs, and Search & Rescue dogs otherwise known as "working dogs"(K9's). The "Shadow Fund" will promote the raising of funds for these K9's residing in the Indianapolis Metropolitan Area and the surrounding counties contiguous to Marion County, as identified below on page 4.

HISTORY

The Central Indiana K9 Association, Inc., established the "Shadow Fund" to assist with the high cost of medical care that typically occurs with retired K9s. The "Shadow Fund" is also symbolic of how the canine *shadows* his law enforcement/first responder handler during their tour of duty.

PURPOSE

In accomplishing the goal of promoting education and public awareness for the health care of retired K9s, the "Shadow Fund" fulfills the advocacy role established by the CENTRAL INDIANA K9 ASSOCIATION, INC. Board of Directors in their corporate bylaws dated May of 2019, as amended.

The primary purpose of the "Shadow Fund" is to assist with overwhelming costs associated with owning a retired K9. The Fund will help cover some of the cost of medical bills for these retired dogs so they can live out the remainder of their lives in relative comfort without creating a financial burden for their handlers. The secondary purpose of the fund is to honor their service by providing a memorial service at a future War Dog Monument.

While on active duty status, the City, County, or Branch of Service the K9 or Working Dog belongs to will provide for the health care costs. However, when a K9 becomes unsuitable for working conditions due to age or physical disability, the K9 is retired from active duty. Once a K9 is retired, the handler is offered the option to acquire the animal from his/her employer and in doing so assumes all expenses associated with owning a retired working dog.

Retired police and military dogs do not just suffer from the normal ailments associated with aging, but also the serious wear and tear that comes from years of rigorous training and working, including arthritis, hip and knee injuries, torn ligaments, and back and spinal problems. The "Shadow Fund" is dedicated to assisting with the high cost of these medical bills and helps to ensure that the handler is not forced to choose euthanasia due to the financial burden. It is a small price to pay for all the hard work these working dogs provided to their community, and a way of saying thank you to their handlers.

Through the activities of raising funds to assist these police and military handlers with the health care costs for their retired K9s, CENTRAL INDIANA K9 ASSOCIATION, INC. helps to bring awareness to the general public about the importance these animals serve in protecting our community and nation.

FUND COVERAGE

Advanced Medical care

The "Shadow Fund" will be dedicated to providing financial assistance to cover advanced medical care, such as:

- Diagnostics (blood work, x-rays, MRI, CT, other necessary medical scans)
- Emergency care, hospitalization, and surgery
- Pain management
- Pet mobility
- Physical rehabilitation
- Chiropractic care
- Cancer treatments
- Prescription medications (not including standard pet care items such as heartworm medicine or specialty foods)
- Specialty treatments for hereditary and congenital conditions

This list is not meant to be all inclusive nor provide limitations; rather, it is representative of the type of care that is often necessary for a retired canine.

Memorial Services

With regards to the memorial services, all expenses will be covered by the "Shadow Fund" for active and retired police and military K9's who served/resided within the geographic zone identified below. CENTRAL INDIANA K9 ASSOCIATION, INC. will provide a free service package to include the following:

- Placard and/or name placed within the "Heroes" section of the future War Dog Monument as space permits.
- Stone memorial plaque which will include the name of the canine, the name of the Department or Service Unit in which the canine served, type of service dog (patrol, bomb, narcotics, etc.), dates of service, and dates of birth and death of the canine. All plaques provided for these canines, and especially for use in the "Heroes" section, will be uniform in size, quality, and design. (see attached design)
- Cremation service & urn that will be presented to the handler at time of Memorial service.
- Honor services with an honor guard, bugler and any other ceremonial detail requested, but is limited based on the availability of volunteers to provide these services.

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

Donations to "The Shadow Fund" will assist active (memorial services only) and retired service animals (memorial and medical) who served or resided within the Indianapolis Metropolitan Area. Due to the size of the "Shadow Fund" priority will be given to K9s that worked in following Counties in the Indianapolis Metropolitan area:

- Boone County
- Hamilton County
- Hancock County
- Hendricks County
- Johnson County
- Madison County
- Marion County
- Morgan County
- Shelby County
- Retired military canines where the handler/owner has lived within one of the 9 counties listed above for a minimum of six (6) months.

As the fund expands, funds may be used to assist retired K9s outside the above-mentioned counties on a case by case basis, as determined by the Board of Directors.

FUND DONATIONS

All donations to the "Shadow Fund" will made to the CENTRAL INDIANA K9 ASSOCIATION, INC. Electronic donations can be made on-line via the website and/or social media page. Donations in the form of check shall be made payable to the CENTRAL INDIANA K9 ASSOCIATION, INC., and sent to P.O. Box 203, Plainfield, IN 46168.

The fund has been established to help ensure the corporation's ability to provide financial assistance over time, as well as support the free memorial services for those canines who fall within the guidelines established for those services as well as the future creation of a War Dog Monument and/or training site.

FUND MANAGEMENT

The principle manager of the administration (e.g. accepting and processing of application to include presentation to the Board of Directors) of "The Shadow Fund" will be the Police Liaison, a volunteer and non-voting position with the Board of Directors. The responsibility and decision to approve or deny financial assistance will rest with the voting members of the Board of Directors. Even if the Police Liaison holds a voting position elsewhere on the Board of Directors, any and all

decisions based on this Fund will require that specific Board member to stand back from voting.

The "Shadow Fund" will maintain a minimum balance of \$1,500 at all times in order to be solvent for emergency services. Should the "Shadow Fund" ever have insufficient funds, the Board of Directors will be so notified and will authorize a fund transfer from the operating funds to the "Shadow Fund".

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Submission for financial assistance for emergency medical purposes can be done at any time, but still must follow the guidelines found below under the application process. Due to the very nature of being an emergency, it is recommended that the application and situation be relayed to the Police Liaison through electronic means. Contact information will be provided by either email or calling the organization's toll free answering service, if available. CENTRAL INDIANA K9 ASSOCIATION, INC.'s ability to provide financial assistance will be directly predicated on the size of the "Shadow Fund" account at the time of the request, keeping in mind the minimum balance requirement and the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Application Process

An application form called a "Request for Financial Assistance" can be found on the CENTRAL INDIANA K9 ASSOCIATION, INC. website at www.CIK9.org under the "Shadow Fund" tab. All applications should be fully descriptive of the healthcare needed or provided accompanied by documentation from the veterinarian describing the care provided and the need for such care. Incomplete requests will be automatically denied. Applications should be mailed to:

The "Shadow Fund"
c/o CENTRAL INDIANA K9 ASSOCIATION, INC.
P.O. Box 203
Plainfield, IN 46168

Reimbursement for advanced medical care will be considered up to 90 days post care received. Applicant will be required to provide proof of payment and a full description of services received. If request is being submitted in advance of care being received, payment (if any) can be arranged directly with the healthcare provider. Again, all grants for financial assistance are provided based on CENTRAL INDIANA K9 ASSOCIATION, INC.'s ability to have funds available in the "Shadow Fund."

The party receiving funds will agree, unconditionally, to allow CENTRAL INDIANA K9 ASSOCIATION, INC. to take and use any and all pictures, information related to the application and the grant award to be used for Public Relations and Marketing purposes. Any waiver request from this requirement will require a written request


from the Police Chief or highest ranking officer under whom the canine served or under whom the K9 officer currently serves. This recognizes that some officers may be serving in a special capacity that requires they remain anonymous for security reasons.

Applications for assistance will be forwarded to the Police Liaison or designee. When an application has been received, the Police Liaison or designee will review the application to ensure it is complete. Every attempt will be made to submit to the Board of Directors and acquire a vote within 72 hours. Due to the serious nature and/or emergency timeline, the application and subsequent vote by the Board of Directors can be handled electronically.

Application notification will be provided by CENTRAL INDIANA K9 ASSOCIATION, INC.'s Recording Secretary. Copies of all applications will be maintained on file for three (3) years. Any concerns with regards to this Fund or the application process should be forwarded to the Chair, Central Indiana K9 Association, Inc. at P.O. Box 203, Plainfield, IN 46168 with a copy to the Attorney of Record for CENTRAL INDIANA K9 ASSOCIATION, INC.

Stone Memorial Plaque DESIGN

All handlers should ensure that the entire information listed below, including the badge design and/or K9 photo, is provided electronically to CENTRAL INDIANA K9 ASSOCIATION, INC. The ability to order the permanent plaque will be delayed until all required information is received.

	<p>K9 Name Dates: birth/death - month & years</p> <p>Agency Name or Service Unit K9 Dicipline / types of service Dates of Service</p>
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Application Date:_____

Owner's full name:
Owner's full address:
Owner's phone numbers (include at least two) and e-mail address:
Past/Current K9 Position:
Police Department or Military Unit's name, full address, contact person with phone number and e-mail:
Canine's name and breed: (Please include a recent picture)
Canine discipline (narcotics, bomb, patrol, tracking, etc.) years of service and retirement: (Must provide proof of service, retirement and ownership of canine.)
Explain in detail the advanced medical need for this canine. (See note below)
Provide a statement of financial need showing as much detail as possible. Inclusion of an estimate by the Veterinarian is strongly encouraged.

Application: All applications should be fully descriptive of the healthcare provided accompanied by documentation from the veterinarian describing the care needed/provided to include diagnosis and prognosis, test results/summary analysis and the completed application. If seeking reimbursement, the inclusion of receipts showing payment made in full on letterhead from the veterinarian clinic. Incomplete requests will be automatically denied.