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Dean's Story

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The Story of How One Lucky Pup's Life was Turned Around

K9 Dean, a Dutch Shepherd, was a Narcotics and Human Detection K9 with U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Seattle, WA. He worked in the Port and his job was to sniff out drugs and find victims of human trafficking. Dean had a multitude of seizures in his career, while regularly assisting outside agencies like the DEA, FBI, U.S. Postal Inspection Services, Seattle Post Office, and many other State and Local Agencies.

While on the job, Dean started to experience extreme behavioral issues, anxiety, and PTSD, which led to him biting a few CBP employees. None of them were his fault, but due to strict policies, his time was up, and Dean was scheduled to be euthanized.

Unfortunately, Dean's handler couldn't take him home upon retirement, but he knew Dean was special, and that his life needed to be saved. He reached out to Project K9 Hero, where they accepted him into their program with open arms. *As they do with so many other K9s across the country that find themselves without homes in retirement.* Dean's handler drove him from Seattle to Chattanooga, TN, where Dean entered Project K9 Hero as their 143rd Program Member in August 2021.



Jena grew up on a farm, raising, training, and showing horses, as well as raising cattle and working with Australian Cattle Dogs. She is a former Veterinary Technician and Research Biologist, with a soft spot for, and experience with, rehoming and rehabbing working dogs.



Dean had to be muzzled when him and Jena first met, but they became inseparable in no time.

He Found His Fur-Ever Home

The Goodest Boi Doing the Goodest Things

Dean started doing much better once he made it to Project K9 Hero's Rehabilitation and Rehoming Facility in TN, however, he continued to experience some anxiety, while still on Prozac and CBD oil. The staff knew it was time to get Dean into a home so he could begin his retirement.

On Labor Day 2021, after going through hundreds of applications, Project K9 Hero found Dean the perfect Fur-Ever Home, with an Air Force Veteran in Georgia.

It's been 2 years since Dean's adoption, he is a completely different dog! Dean went from living his life in a kennel and a crate - only being taken out to exercise and work - to sleeping on the couch every night! He quickly became best friends with Jena's female Malinois, London (who has since passed away), and he loves his brother, Blake - a long haired German Shepherd, and his sister, K9 Millie - a black Labrador Retriever, retired TSA Explosives Detection K9 - who was adopted from PK9H in February 2023.

Dean's life was turned around with a strict routine, lots of obedience and love, and he hasn't been on any behavioral medications since the day Jena took him home!

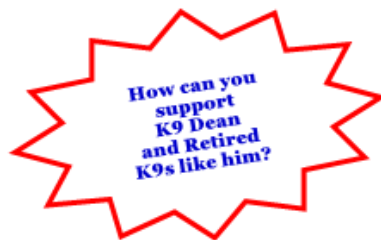
Dean loves retirement! He enjoys going for walks, hiking, and rollerblading. He loves going to K9 Events and Fundraisers, being the center of attention, making K9 friends, and receiving lots of love and affection! He loves children and giving people his signature, "sea lion kisses." He's turned into a huge goof - ball with the sweetest personality. He also loves roughhousing with Blake, but his favorite thing to do, is nap!

Project K9 Hero couldn't be happier with Dean's transition into retirement! They proudly support all Dean's needs at 100% by providing his medical care and food and will also provide his end-of-life services.

Dean truly proves that there are NO BAD DOGS!



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