

PENTAGON FORCE PROTECTION AGENCY



2025
K9 UNIT

CHESTER



JANUARY 2025

Did you know?

Conditioning is conducted 3-4 times a week with treadmills designed specifically for dogs. Collectively, the K9 Unit runs about 20 miles a week. K9 Chester is a Labrador Retriever born on April 1, 2019. Chester began his service to the U.S. Pentagon Police in 2021.

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NOTES

- 1 New Year's Day
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

BRIGI



FEBRUARY 2025

Did you know?

While the unit is not breed-specific, dogs are selected based on key traits such as hunt drive, prey drive, sociability, mental balance, and ball drive. K9 Brigi is a Belgian Malinois & German Shepard born on November 1, 2018. Brigi began her service to the U.S. Pentagon Police in 2020.

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SKY



MARCH 2025

Did you know?

The K9 Kennels is an indoor and outdoor facility that includes essential amenities to conduct training for the handlers and dogs. The facility includes 12 kennels for day use only, a dog bathing station, an outdoor obstacle course, and an indoor climate-controlled room for explosive detection training.

K9 Sky is a Labrador Retriever born on October 15, 2020. Sky began her service to the U.S. Pentagon Police in 2022.

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HENRY



APRIL 2025

Did you know?

K9s are held to strict weight and diet standards, as extra weight can place additional stress on the joints of these highly active dogs.

K9 Henry is a Labrador Retriever born on April 14, 2022. Henry began his service to the U.S. Pentagon Police in 2024.

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BROOKE



MAY 2025

Did you know?

Training is performed in-house and can take nearly a year – technically training never ends! This allows the handler to learn the nuances of the dog’s behavior and solidify the strong bond that is essential for success.

K9 Brooke is a German Shepard born on January 21, 2014. Brooke began her service to the U.S. Pentagon Police in 2015.

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BENTLEY



JUNE 2025

Did you know?

Odor detection training is held in a climate-controlled room with a variety of explosive related odors and materials to prepare the dogs for potential threats.

K9 Bentley is a Labrador Retriever born on August 3, 2020. Bentley began his service to the U.S. Pentagon Police in 2023.

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SCUBA



JULY 2025

Did you know?

While handlers can work with other dogs in the unit if necessary, maintaining continuity between each handler and their assigned dog is critical to understanding the dog’s unique cues and behaviors.

K9 Scuba is a Labrador Retriever born on January 31, 2022. Scuba began his service to the U.S. Pentagon Police in 2023.

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NOTES

HELI



AUGUST 2025

Did you know?

Dogs trained for bomb detection typically use a passive alert, where they use a subtle visual cue to alert the handler when an odor is detected. This is where non-verbal communication is vital between handler and dog.

K9 Heli is a Belgian Malinois and German Shepard born on April 5, 2018. Heli began her service to the U.S. Pentagon Police in 2021.

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CHIEF



SEPTEMBER 2025

Did you know?

The K9 obstacle course enhances physical exercise and strengthens the bond between handler and dog. Handlers use progressive training to gradually foster muscle memory through repetition.

K9 Chief is a Labrador Retriever born on April 13, 2022. Chief began his service to the U.S. Pentagon Police in 2023.

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NOTES

1 Labor Day

BOSS II



OCTOBER 2025

Did you know?

The K9 Kennels has a room filled with empty plastic bottles to simulate loud and unfamiliar situations. The handlers throw balls in the room for the dogs to retrieve, which conditions the dogs with startling noises – building confidence for real world scenarios.

K9 Boss II is a Labrador Retriever born on November 11, 2020. Boss II began his service to the U.S. Pentagon Police in 2022.

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ROCKY



NOVEMBER 2025

Did you know?

Army veterinarians from Fort Belvoir conduct comprehensive health checks on the dogs every six months to make sure they are healthy.
K9 Rocky is a German Shepard born on July 26, 2017. Rocky began his service to the U.S. Pentagon Police in 2020.

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NOTES

- 11 Veteran's Day
- 27 Thanksgiving Day

BOUGIE



DECEMBER 2025

Did you know?

K9s go home with their handlers every day and are treated as family. When a handler is on vacation, another handler will often dog-sit for them!

K9 Bougie is a Labrador Retriever born on August 10, 2022. Bougie began his service to the U.S. Pentagon Police in 2023.

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NOTES

2025 | K9 UNIT TEAM



AKITA

9 Year Old, German Shorthaired Pointer



BENTLEY

5 Year Old, Labrador Retriever



BOKI

9 Year Old, German Shorthaired Pointer



BOSS

10 Year Old, Labrador Retriever



BOSS II

5 Year Old, Labrador Retriever



BOUGIE

3 Year Old, Labrador Retriever



BRIGI

7 Year Old, Belgian Malinois/German Shepard



BROOKE

11 Year Old, German Shepard



CHESTER

6 Year Old, Labrador Retriever



CHIEF

3 Year Old, Labrador Retriever



HELI

7 Year Old, Belgian Malinois/German Shepard



HENRY

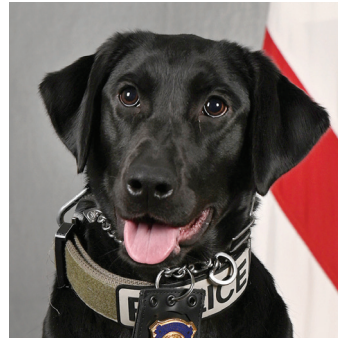
3 Year Old, Labrador Retriever



HERSHEY
6 Year Old, Labrador Retriever



HONZA
10 Year Old, Belgian Malinois



ISA
3 Year Old, Labrador Retriever



KITKAT
8 Year Old, Labrador Retriever



MOKEI
7 Year Old, Labrador Retriever



RIVER
10 Year Old, Belgian Malinois/German Shepard



ROCKY
8 Year Old, German Shepard



SCUBA
3 Year Old, Labrador Retriever



SKY
5 Year Old, Labrador Retriever



**“Protecting those who
protect our Nation.”**

P E N T A G O N F O R C E P R O T E C T I O N A G E N C Y

The Pentagon Police Canine (K-9) Unit was established in July 1998 to take a more proactive approach to the growing threat of terrorism. The K-9 teams assigned to the Pentagon provide protection support for the Secretary of Defense, visiting dignitaries, and all Department of Defense personnel at the Pentagon and in the National Capital Region. In addition to numerous proactive assignments for explosive detection, the K-9 Unit also provides support to other law enforcement agencies throughout the National Capital Region.

The growth of the K-9 Unit from only four teams to its current size has been surpassed by the functional growth. The program has evolved from the original military working dog detection model into a blend of multiple training and detection methodologies that took the best practices from existing programs and tailored them to meet the Pentagon Force Protection Agency's (PFPA) unique requirements.

The K-9 Unit is comprised of specially trained dogs used to detect explosives and person-borne improvised explosives devices. The Unit is organized into teams (canine and handler) that provide both proactive and reactive law enforcement functions designed to ensure a safe working environment at the Pentagon reservation and other DoD delegated facilities. Members of the K-9 Unit conduct security sweeps of delivery, construction, unattended vehicles, suspicious packages or bomb threats, and official ceremonies and functions. PFPA has the only Person-Borne Improvised Explosive Device Detection (PBIED) program in the DoD that has won numerous K-9 Olympic events in detection.

After the canines are selected and tested, they are paired up with their respective handlers immediately to begin building a strong bond. K-9 teams then go through an extensive six-month training course covering explosive imprinting, search principles, and obedience. Upon completion of the course, they complete a certification that consists of two phases. Phase one is the odor recognition test, which confirms that the canine can identify several explosive compounds and the handler can identify the change of behavior, all while working as a team. Phase two is operational, which consist of real-world searches of four areas: vehicles, buildings, luggage, and open area.

PFPA canine and handler teams require more than 200 hours a year of training together to maintain operational status. The canines receive their annual certification from the International Police Working Dog Association. The K-9 Unit has participated in and placed in multiple skills competitions to include Iron Dog Competitions, United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Detection Trials, and North American Police Working Dog Association (NAPWDA) Detection Trials.



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Front Cover: K9 Akita is a German Shorthaired Pointer born on June 22nd, 2016. Akita began her service to the U.S. Pentagon Police in 2018.

Back Cover: K9 Boss is a Labrador Retriever born on May 11th, 2015. Boss began his service to the U.S. Pentagon Police in 2017.

