



# HURRICANE'S HEROES

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## ***K9 HURRICANE'S HEROES: Non-Profit to Help Retired Law Enforcement and Military Dogs***

(Washington, DC – October 6, 2020) *K9 Hurricane's Heroes*, a new federally-recognized, non-profit, all-volunteer organization launched today. *K9 Hurricane's Heroes* provides retired law enforcement and military dogs with subsidized veterinary care to help them live a long and healthy life.

*K9 Hurricane's Heroes* honors the legacy of Hurricane, retired U.S. Secret Service hero dog recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and awarded the Secretary's Award for Valor for his bravery and efforts to neutralize an individual who jumped the White House fence/ In 2016, Hurricane received the Top Dog Award from Animal Medical Center in New York, and most recently, Hurricane was presented with the prestigious *PDSA Order of Merit Award* in London

"Often these working dogs are the unsung heroes behind operations put in place to keep people safe. However, upon the dog's retirement, the Handler must assume responsibility for all expenses, including veterinary care, in most cases" said Marshall Mirarchi, Founder of *K9 Hurricane's Heroes*. "The reality is, we know many Handlers are not able to manage the financial obligation in its entirety. I was fortunate that Hurricane received the precious gift of lifetime medical care from Animal Medical Center and, as a way to pay it forward, *K9 Hurricane's Heroes* was established to help some of these amazing dogs enjoy a healthy, long life in their golden years."

"Hurricane showed extreme discipline and focus from day one of his training, and we knew he was going to excel in performance at the highest levels. I believe the intruder would have hoped Hurricane was not on duty because from that day on, he will know to not mess with a man's best friend," said Deputy Chief Richard Macauley, United States Secret Service, Special Operations Division.

"Hurricane did his job. He not only stopped an aggressive assailant on the north grounds of the White House but lifted the confidence and spirit of the Team at a time which was definitely needed," said Jon Stewart, Special Agent, United States Secret Service.

"To ask a dog in their first live deployment to not only survive, but win at the level of combat, is something that most would never ask. We're incredibly proud of Hurricane and his handler for having completed the mission at such a high level," said Brian M., Lead Law Enforcement Trainer, Special Operations Training Section, United States Secret Service.

For information about *K9 Hurricane's Heroes*, and backgrounder on Hurricane, please visit:  
[www.k9HurricanesHeroes.org](http://www.k9HurricanesHeroes.org)

### **About *K9 Hurricane's Heroes***

*Hurricane's Heroes*, a federally recognized non-profit organization, provides "retired law enforcement and military dogs" with subsidized veterinary care so they can live a long and healthy life. [www.k9HurricanesHeroes.org](http://www.k9HurricanesHeroes.org).

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