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ANNA 4 PAWS DONATES CANINE TRAUMA KITS TO THE ST. CHARLES PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE K-9 HANDLERS AND THEIR K-9 PARTNERS

On May 23, 2024, St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office K-9 Handlers were donated trauma kits from Anna 4 Paws for the sheriff's office K-9's, a Lab, a Dutch Shepherd, and four Belgian Malinois that are currently in service.

Anna 4 Paws is a non-profit organization that uses donated funds to create canine-specific first-aid/trauma kits. The kits are then given to **canine teams (police service, fire service, search and rescue)** and also provide the canine handlers with canine first aid training, taught by Dr. Trumble of Avenue Animal Wellness and Emergency in **New Orleans**. **Additionally,** they partner with local veterinarians near the receiving agency to maintain the bags long-term, **meaning if anything from the bag is used or expires, the handler can go to their sponsoring veterinarian and have those items replaced at no cost to the agency or handler.**

Adrian Thompson, the founder of Anna 4 Paws, said law enforcement agencies and such will often budget \$20k for the purchase of a working canine but most often do not budget for either first aid kits for their working partners or first aid training to properly care for their **partners in case of injury.**

Secondary to an on-the-job injury to Thompson's first canine partner, Canine Anna of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Thompson created Anna 4 Paws to fill that void while hoping the kits never have to **be used**. **With current pricing,** it costs the organization approximately \$350.00 to **build a single Anna 4 Paws Canine First Aid Kit**. **These kits would easily sell on the retail market for over \$1,000.00.**

Some of the veterinarian practices currently partnered with Anna 4 Paws are Pet Care Center, Abadie Veterinary Hospital, Chateau Veterinary Hospital, Greater Atlanta Veterinary Medical Group, Monroe Street Animal Hospital, Mandeville Animal Hospital, Canal Street Veterinary Hospital, and Lakeview Veterinary Hospital. They have also received tremendous support from the Southeast Louisiana Veterinary Association, Resurge Veterinary Surgical Specialists and Rehabilitation, and Heaven's Pets.

Anna 4 Paws has outfitted the New Orleans Police Department, New Orleans EMS Urban Search and Rescue Team, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Cobb County Police Department (Ga), Cobb County Sheriff's Office (Ga), St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, Plaquemines

Parish Sheriff's Office, Kenner Police Department, Gretna Police Department, St. Tammany Fire District #4 and several others with our first-aid kits.

Anna 4 Paws' website is www.anna4paws.org. They also have a social media presence on Facebook and Instagram if you are interested in their organization and how you could donate.

