

COMFORT DOG TEAM

MANCHESTER BY-THE-SEA
POLICE



BACKGROUND AND BENEFITS

- Police Departments everywhere are realizing the benefits a Comfort Dog brings
- Able to reduce stress, and anxiety and have a positive impact on relationships between the police and the public
- Provide comfort and emotional support for people during times of crisis
 - Range from Victim of domestic violence to a high school break-up
- Enhances community policing during busy events in town
 - Masconomo Park, Singing Beach, Parades, Fireworks, Parades, etc





POLICE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

- We have applied for a grant through the Hooper Fund
 - Dog and two-week training
- Kato Account
 - \$1,900 remaining
- Police North Shore Health Outreach Account (Mental Health related)
 - \$12,000 remaining
- Law Enforcement grant currently awarded



FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS

- Advertise heavily on social media
- Patch Program
 - Local business sponsor a patch to be worn on the dog's vest for a week. Business is recognized on social media.
- T-Shirts
 - Produce t-shirts incorporating the dog to sell
- Restaurant Fundraiser
 - Bravo by-the-Sea will host a fundraiser and donate the pizza

STARTUP COSTS

- Dog and Training - \$6,200
 - two-week training, one year of in-service
- Cruiser upfitting - \$9,000
 - Could be deferred until budget allows



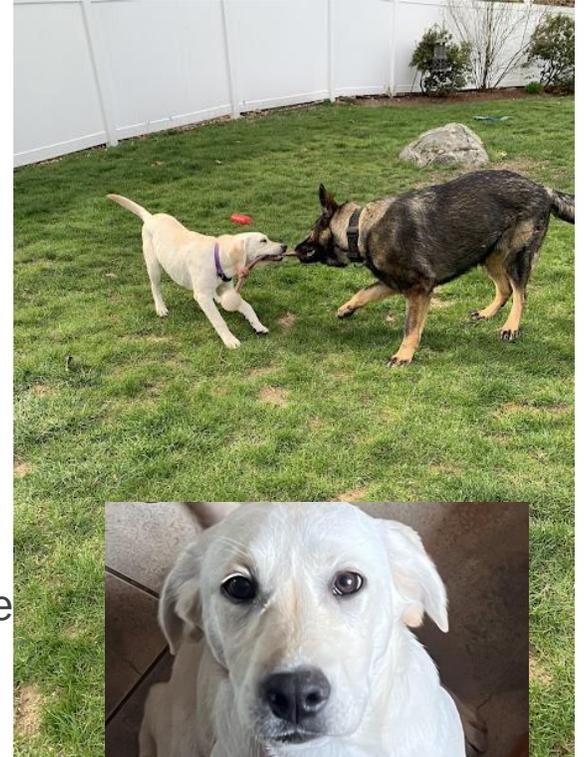
PROJECTED MAINTENANCE COSTS

- Monthly - \$150
 - Food, Grooming
- Annually - \$1000
 - Vet care



DAISY

- She is a 6-month-old Yellow Lab
- She lives with Officer Locke, her spouse, their two children (ages 8 and 7), and another





BENEFITS OF TEAMING WITH THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

- Stress Reduction
- Improved Mental Health
- Encouraging Physical Activity (walks with students)
- Sense of Responsibility
- Provide a connection to the school community, especially for students who are struggling with making such a connection to school.
- Help with school avoidance/chronic tardiness

BENEFITS OF TEAMING WITH THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

- During high school U Block - use that time to meet with students who would like to say hello
- Still cover all middle and high school lunches staying out of the kitchen area
- Use this time to go outside for middle school recess
- A great time for going to visit with students once they finish lunch





BENEFITS OF TEAMING WITH THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

- Normal start to the day being outside for drop off
- During in class times limit the presence in hallways so as to not distract students and teachers
- During changing of classes and presences of students in hallway, try to be present and moving throughout the school to have students be able to take a momentary visit and ease their stress



TRAINING

- Professional K9 Services
 - Two-week initial training
 - One year of monthly in-service training
- Topics include:
 - Obedience
 - Socialization and Environment
 - Proprioceptive (motion)
 - Unexpected Stimulus