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# Acton Police Department

## InterDepartmental Memo

**From:** Frank J. Widmayer, Chief of Police

**Date:** June 6, 2007

**To:** Don Johnson, Town Manager

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**Subj:** New K-9 program

Don,

As part of the implementation towards the new K-9 program at the Acton P.D. there are several gifts that have been offered. I am recommending to the Board of Selectmen that we accept these gifts.

- The first is from Great Road Veterinary Hospital and provides for free routine medical care for the police dog. See the attached letter for details.
- The second gift is from Especially for Pets and includes a 10% discount for items purchased, a free 30 pound bag of dog food each month from their supplier and a bullet proof vest for the dog. See the attached letter for details.

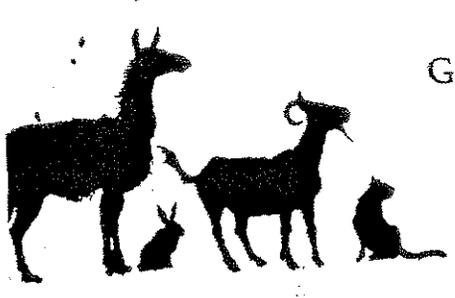
I expect this new program will be very popular with the community so that there should be more gifts of this type in the future. The K-9 program will fit in well with community policing programs and young children like to see demonstrations of the dog working with the handler.

As you know, the community policing grants we receive will be funding the other costs of the program, including the dog, training costs and shift coverage while the officer is at school with the dog.

This is a good program and I expect that the dog will be very useful in finding missing persons, search and rescue, building searches in dangerous situations and crowd management.



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Officer Dan Holway  
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April 1, 2006

Dear Officer Holway:

It would be our pleasure and professional duty to offer a K9 unit of the Acton Police Department complimentary veterinary service. An estimate of the routine vaccinations, dewormings, prophylactic blood work (see attached article), and heartworm preventives would be approximately \$2000/year, not including any emergency service, which we would perform at cost. We would also gladly put together a veterinary emergency kit with appropriate training to accompany the assigned officer and K9 . Please let us know if we can be of any further service.

Sincerely: *Jon Kelman, DVM*

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