Since 1996, the Omaha Police K9 Unit has removed more than $31 million in drugs and cash from the streets and highways surrounding Omaha. Those totals include:

- Marijuana: 10,900 lbs., street value worth more than $20 million;
- Methamphetamine: 430 lbs., street value worth more than $5 million;
- Cocaine: 515 lbs., street value worth more than $6 million;
- Heroin: 10 lbs., street value worth more than $200,000;
- Ecstasy: 5,000 tablets, street value worth more than $150,000; and
- Mushrooms: 159 lbs., street value worth more than $150,000.

In addition, the unit has recovered more than $750,000 in stolen property as well as captured wanted fugitives and terrorists.

THE K9 PLEDGE

I promise to be worth every cent it took to train me.

I promise to track down criminals who threaten and harm our community.

I promise to stand with you against the violence that penetrates our society.

I promise to sniff out the drugs being advertised to your children.

I promise to stay resolved and focused upon the success of our mission.

No matter what happens, I will be by your side...your loyal companion until the end.

I will never give up.

IN MEMORY OF K9 KOBUS
END OF WATCH 01.23.16. THE FIRST PSD KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

DONATE

City funds are budgeted for food and veterinary care for our dogs. But we need your support. Community donations and grants are essential for the support of the K9 Unit. Funds are used for updating training equipment, purchasing dogs and improving our overall operations. All donations are tax deductible. To donate or assist with Friends of the Omaha Police K9 Unit, please contact:

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WE PROTECT AND SERVE THE PUBLIC.

It’s more than our job. It’s our sworn duty. As the Omaha Police K9 Unit, our officers undergo rigorous and specialized training alongside our dogs, making an effective team dedicated to your safety and quality of life. Our services include suspect apprehension, outdoor area searches and building searches, drug detection, criminal interdiction, evidence recovery and handler protection. In addition, the K9 Unit plays a vital role in providing support for law enforcement units such as uniform patrol, SWAT and criminal investigations.

CRIME FIGHTING TECHNOLOGY ON FOUR LEGS.

Police Service Dogs, or PSDs, can do things no human or machine can equal. By virtue of their keen sense of smell, they are able to consistently detect narcotics, people, evidence and contraband. They are skilled and loyal warriors who live to work.

Our dogs willingly put their lives on the line for their handler, for other officers and for innocents whose lives are threatened. They, too, are officers in the line of duty. They protect. They serve. They carry a sense of honor. And as a result, they’ve helped save many lives and millions of dollars that may have otherwise been taken by criminals.

OPD K9 FAQs:

Where do you get your dogs?

Our police service dogs are imported from Europe because of the high quality of breeding standards. In fact, many of our dogs “speak” a foreign language, which our officers use to command them—much like a secret code of operations.

How are the dogs trained?

The dog and handler go through an extensive 16-week training program. Training is ongoing and continues throughout the life of the dog.

How long is the dog’s career?

The average career length is seven to eight years. During this time, the PSD resides with the handler and becomes a valued member of the family.