

USPCA Retired K9 Grant

The USPCA has created a new committee to help fund retired police canines within our association. The committee will consist of our National Vice Presidents.

General Procedure -

It will be required of the member to meet the following:

- 1) You must be a USPCA current year paid regular or associate member.
- 2) Application will be submitted using the link provided on the USPCA web page: <https://www.uspcak9.com/retired-police-k9-assistance-grant>
- 3) Within this application, you will be requested to provide the Association with the circumstances surrounding the diagnosis or treatment of your retired K9.
- 4) Within this application, you will be required to provide us with the name, address and telephone number of the veterinarian providing care.
- 5) Once your application is received, it will be forwarded to the Retired K9 Committee chairman. The committee will meet to vote on all applications submitted for the grant and a preference will be given to members with seniority within the association. A majority vote by the National Vice Presidents will decide whether a grant will be allowed, and The National President shall cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie. It will be the responsibility of that member submitting their application to supply any paid receipts to the committee for reimbursement for the allotted amount. The benefit will cover veterinarian treatment, *other than* routine maintenance, up to \$500 dollars annually (January 1st - December 31st).

Required Qualifications -

- Must be a Regular or Associate member in good standing in the USPCA for the Past 2 continuous years
- Handler/Canine must have received at least one certification with the USCPA (Must supply proof of certification)
- Verification letter from your department and/or your Region President stating that your canine partner is a retired working dog.
- USPCA Retired K9 Committee has the right to approve or disapprove any request for reimbursement.
- USPCA Retired K9 Committee has the right to verify treatment with veterinarian.

The USPCA Retired K9 Committee will work to assist the membership by providing a menu of possible care options that are available to retired police canines. The committee may also reach out to the USPCA Medical Director - Dr. Paul McNamara for a medical opinion. Please contact a committee member with any further questions.

Other Retirement options for medical care:

- Retired Police Canine Foundation
- www.policek9help.com