**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 qualifications listed below. When a member of the USPCA request medical assistance for their retired canine, they must submit in writing or email to the USPCA Retired K9 Committee, stating the circumstances surrounding the treatment of his or her retired canine. The member must fill out the medical assistance grant form located on the National website. The committee will meet to vote on all applications submitted for the grant and a reference 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 standings 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