

## State of Connecticut Department of Correction

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## For Immediate Release

## Department of Correction K9 team Participates in National Calendar to Help Protect Law Enforcement Dogs

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Connecticut Department of Correction K9 Officer Joseph Garriga and his K9 partner Ozzy appear in the 2026 Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. nationwide



Connecticut Department of Correction, Officer Joseph Garriga and K9 Ozzy. Photo courtesy of Harlows Heroes.

fundraising calendar. Each year, twelve Law Enforcement K9s who are recipients of vests provided by the nonprofit organization are highlighted in the publication along with a memorial page paying tribute to the fourlegged heroes who have passed.

Calendars are available for purchase online for \$20 plus shipping via the Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. website at www.vik9s.org. For additional information or mail orders contact 508-824-6978.

All proceeds from the 2026 calendars will be used to provide equipment and services for law enforcement K9s nationwide.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has donated over 6,200 bullet and stab protective vests to law

enforcement K9s in all 50 states at a value of over \$6.9 million dollars.