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Medik9USA to help service dogs in line of duty

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Champaign, Ill (WCIA) - In today's Furever Family we're learning how the University of Illinois is caring for service/working dogs.

Two ways our hospital/college is doing this are:

*National Service Animal Eye Exams, free vision screening for registered service animals (any species) by boarded ophthalmologists through a national event every May.

*Paul Fedyniak has taken on a recent project, MEDIK9USA, raising money to create and donate medical supplies for dogs to have in emergency vehicles that may be treating injured police dogs

*Dr. Mitek has been very involved over the past year and a half in advancing medical care for K9 officers. Paul was inspired by the work she and Dr. Maureen McMichael are doing and he saw a way to help.

*He started a program to raise money for medical supplies to treat dogs that could be kept as a kit in ambulances, fire engines, and other emergency responder vehicles to insure that injured canines can get the care they need on site or en route to a veterinary hospital.

*Paul recently donated five of these kits to a local ambulance company, and he's planning to continue making and donating them after graduation.

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