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"Bodie" - Malinois Police Dog with Lacerated Leg



Bodie

If you should have the misfortune of seeing this particular patient hurtling towards you at break-neck speed my advice is to stand very still.....and hope that his handler is very nearby!

"Bodie" is, without doubt, one of the most magnificent looking "public servants" that I have ever seen over the years. In his short career at the age of only 3 years he has been responsible for 37 persons being arrested. These have included thieves, drunk drivers and even those subsequently charged with assault.

"Bodie" is one of only 3 dogs which form a new elite group of Leicestershire Police dogs which has evolved from the traditional German Shepherd breed.

They are Belgian Shepherd Dogs or Malinois, bred for their athleticism, stamina and most importantly a tremendous enthusiasm for the job! Whether it is searching for missing persons or ensuring that visiting football fans are on their best behaviour "Bodie" looks forward to each task with equal relish.

Six foot fences are easily cleared and he has been described by a number of "witnesses" as frighteningly fast. Suspects have pleaded to be taken into custody rather than be subject to his unique form of interrogation! His breed are capable of working longer with fewer sick days.....an excellent combination for any would be employer!

Unfortunately, he recently sustained a nasty laceration to his front leg whilst in the course of his duties. A hazard of the job given his close proximity to the criminal fraternity that his employment demands.....only thing was that this injury was caused by one of his own colleagues.....another police dog! In the heated war front against crime, casualties are an inevitable consequence..... a case of "friendly fire" you might say!!!

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