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## Support America's Heroes



U.S. Navy Senior Airman George Garcia and his K9 partner, Harry, are two of the hundreds of working military dog teams who proudly serve their country. The Purr'N Pooch Foundation for Animals wants to make these warriors' lives a little better. To learn how you can help, please see page 13.

Photo courtesy The United States War Dogs Association



### TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE

Middletown Deputy Mayor Stephen G. Massell posed after his recent swearing-in for a family picture with his wife, Emily, and their children Delia (from left), Virginia, Nathaniel and Edward, while Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden (below, from left) celebrated with Middletown Committeeman Anthony Fiore and his wife Courtney, as well as their daughters Julianna (front left) and Alessandra, after the committeeman's swearing-in. For the complete story, see page 4.



### SANDY HOOK PROPOSES INCREASES

Congressman Frank Pallone (D-6) spoke with Jen Nersesian, Gateway National Recreation Area Superintendent, during a public comment session held Monday to review proposed increases to daily and season parking passes and camping fees at Sandy Hook. Pallone has voiced his opposition to the proposed increases.

For the complete story, please see page 22.

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COUNTY

# Purr'n Pooch Foundation for Animals collecting donations for U.S. Military working dog teams

**Public invited to support U.S. military working dog teams during drive**

**SHREWSBURY**

Through Jan. 24, the Purr'n Pooch Foundation for Animals, in association with the U.S. War Dogs Association, will be collecting donations for U.S. Military Working Dog Teams deployed to the Middle East. Donations may be dropped-off at the reception areas at Purr'n Pooch Pet Resorts located at 86 Gilbert Street West in Tinton Falls and 2424 Highway 35 in Wall. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Items accepted for the working dogs include K-9 products such as warming mats, boots, doggles (dog protective goggles), shampoo and conditioner, grooming tools, nail clippers, beds or sleeping mats, blankets, toothpaste and toothbrush, eye drops, ear wash, collapsible nylon dog bowls, Kong rubber balls and rope chews. Items accepted for the handlers include nonperishable food and drink items such as coffee and tea, lemonade and iced tea mixes, powdered Gatorade, instant foods, oatmeal, grits, Kraft Easy Mac, power bars, dried fruit and small canned foods.

In addition, the organization is collecting entertainment and toiletries. Visit [www.purrnpoochfoundationforanimals.org](http://www.purrnpoochfoundationforanimals.org) for a full list of items needed.

**Volunteer Day to Support U.S. Military Working Dog Teams**

On Sunday, Jan. 24 at 2:30 p.m. the Purr'n Pooch Foundation for Animals will host a volunteer day for busi-

nesses, schools, organizations and individuals of all ages who would like to participate in letter writing and packaging of the shipments at Purr'n Pooch's Training Hall at 86 Gilbert Street West in Tinton Falls. Volunteers will receive service credits for their participation. If interested in volunteering or for more information, email [info@purrnpooch.com](mailto:info@purrnpooch.com).

**About The United States War Dogs Association**

The United States War Dogs Association is a non-profit organization of former and current U.S. Military Dog Handlers and supporting members committed to promoting the long history of the Military Service Dogs, establishing permanent War Dog Memorials, and educating the public about the invaluable service of these canines to our country. Visit online at [www.uswardogsmemorial.org](http://www.uswardogsmemorial.org) for more information.



**U.S. Army Specialist Nick Malano and Lion are part of the military dog teams protecting the country.**

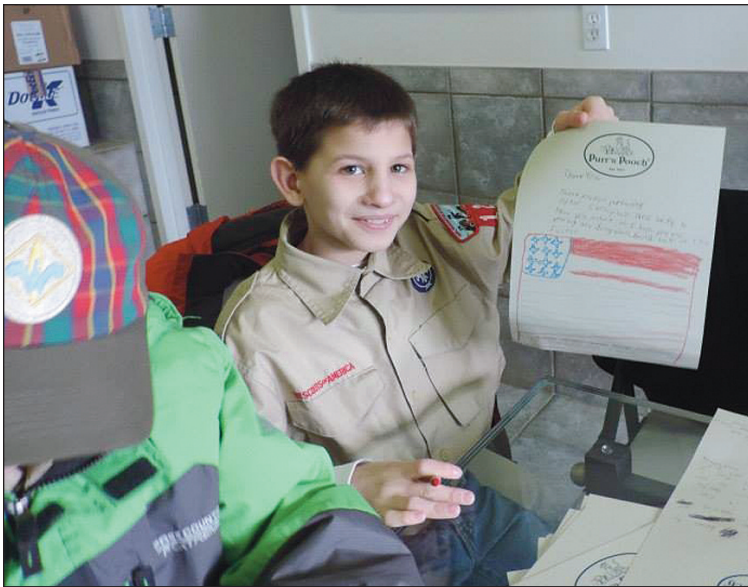
Photo courtesy The United States War Dogs Association

**About the Purr'n Pooch Foundation for Animals**

The Purr'n Pooch Foundation for Animals is a volunteer-run, grant-making organization dedicated to providing financial support and educational resources to animal

rescue groups and organizations across the United States.

The foundation supports all species of animals and is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Visit online at [www.purrnpoochfoundation.org](http://www.purrnpoochfoundation.org) for more information.



**Kevin Matula, of Tinton Falls, with Den 4 of the Cub Scouts in Tinton Falls, participated in the event last year.**



**U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Matt Holly and Robi are ready to protect America's interests anywhere in the world.**

Photo courtesy The United States War Dogs Association

## RANNEY SCHOOL

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