

HRPS welcome new recruits to canine team

Everyone in Halton will remember Police Service Dog Arrow, the cute puppy recruit who needed a name.

In June 2015, all elementary schools in the Region of Halton were asked to participate in a name the dog contest. Brookville Public School was the winner in offering the name "Arrow."

PSD Arrow, a pure Belgian Malinois, was born Dec. 30, 2012 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

He emigrated to Canada through a breeder in Niagara-On-The-Lake, Ont.

His father is an active Police Service Dog serving with the Baton Rouge Police Department and his mother is a high ranking sport dog. Constable Kyle Gibson is PSD Arrow's handler.

Arrow is a "Bark and Hold" trained dog like the rest of the canine team. As a general patrol dog, he is trained to perform the following disciplines; tracking, open area, building, articles, obedience, apprehension, handler protection, and agility.

PSD Arrow is also crossed trained in narcotics detection. He has proven himself to be fast, agile and intense.

Cst. Gibson has been training with PSD Arrow since September 2015 on the basic handler's course.

They have achieved certification and have successfully completed the course. PSD Arrow's

first shift was on Monday Dec. 21.

The addition of this team will take the active Canine team compliment of dogs and handlers to six.

As we anticipate the retirement of PSD Tracker, PSD Jax is a new puppy who is working hard to join the team.

PSD Jax was born Nov. 5, 2014 in Niagara-On-The-Lake. His father is a Belgian Malinois, and his mother is German Shepherd.

Jax is big, strong and only 13 months old.

PSD Jax will be utilized for General Patrol, and will be cross trained in narcotics when he matures.

Like father like son; PSD Jax's father is a General Patrol Dog employed with the Niagara Regional Police. Cst. Mike Dobbin will be Jax's handler.

Both PSD Arrow and PSD Jax were sworn in and received their police badge at a ceremony held last month.

The students at Brookville Public School will receive a visit from PSD Arrow in January, 2016, thanking them for the great name.

The name Arrow was chosen as the dog "will always be on the mark."

Welcome to both Police Service Dogs, ready to serve and protect their community.



New to the HRPS canine team is Jax, above, and Arrow, right. Both dogs were sworn in and received their police badge during a ceremony on Dec. 17.

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