

Infidel Man's Best Friend: Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Honours Explosive Detection Dogs and Their Handlers

A story from last year that I have only now got around to sharing.

I have a feeling that there will be many more such statues set up across the Lands of Infidels. In the war of self-defence against the Global Jihad the ancient human alliance with dogs – an alliance that Islam repudiates, teaching its adherents to hate and despise dogs as unclean and to torment and kill them – is a crucial element.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-10-08/australian-explosive-detection-dogs-recognised/6838878>

'Australia's Explosive Detection Dogs and Their Handlers Recognised at Australian War Memorial in Canberra.'

The sharia of Islam anathematizes both dogs and statuary. But here at the Aussie War Memorial is a statue that honours the friendship and mutual assistance of dog and human. – CM

'The service and sacrifice of Australia's explosive detection dogs (EDDs they are sometimes called, for short – CM) and their handlers has been recognised in a ceremony at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

'A new sculpture commemorating their service was also unveiled at the memorial's grounds.

'Dogs have been used for decades by Australia's armed forces,

taking advantage of the animals' strong sense of smell to detect explosives.

'Several have been killed in the line of duty, and they were used extensively during troop deployments in Afghanistan.

"One of the biggest threats in Afghanistan was improvised explosive devices (IEDs) so our dogs have been critical in going ahead of our forces and clearing the way, searching the ground", Major Kendall Crocker said.

"There are many, many Australian men and women who have served in our armed forces who came home safe to their families because of the work that these dogs have done."

'Major Crocker, who is the only veterinarian employed full time by the Defence Force, said dogs form bonds with their handlers, which allows the two to work as team on the ground.

"You could say that they're the only animals that work **with** people, rather than **for** people", he said.

And in the war of self-defence against the Jihad dogs who help their infidel owners find hidden bombs and catch jihadi terror raiders are fighting for the survival of a dog-friendly world, a world in which the ancient and mutually-beneficial alliance between dogs and humans can survive. – CM

"We really treat our dogs like a four-legged digger".

'The dogs also provide a sense of normalcy for troops deployed away from home.

"It gives them that contact back to home, that sort of break from the reality of where they are, where they can just zone out and have a pat with a dog", said dog handler Lance Corporal Shane Kerswall.

'Dog Handling a Growing Area Within Defence Force.

'Lance-Corporal Kerswall said the profession had grown within the Defence Force in recent years, and that both handlers and dogs were gaining more recognition.

"There is a very strong recognition of the special role. It's always developing", he said. "There's now more opportunity for rank progression amongst the trade."

'While the job is undoubtedly dangerous, Major Kendall said the utmost care was taken to protect the dogs in war zones, and only three had been killed in the line of duty since 2007.

"The overall level of loss with dogs is really [not very different] to perhaps the same number of dogs back here in Australia", he said.

"We take every care to make sure that they're looked after, their health is looked after, and their safety is looked after".

There are practical reasons for this as well; it takes time and effort to train a good EDD, so once you've got one, you don't want to lose him or her and have to try to find a replacement. – CM

'However, as with any military role, explosive detection dogs and their handlers are not immune to the tragic reality of working in a war zone.

'In June 2010 Sapper Darren Smith and his Collie-cross Herbie were killed in an IED explosion in Afghanistan.

'Their names are etched onto the unveiled sculpture.

"He was a very good bloke, easy to have a chat with, and a quiet beer", Lance-Corporal Kerswall said.

"They were doing a job that they believed in, and that they loved, and I hope that one day I embody what they went out there and did", Sapper Andrew Nordling said.

'Sapper Nordling and his dog Domino are yet to be deployed, but are "pretty excited" about the prospect.

"He's pretty good, we actually train our dogs to a pretty high standard... I'm obviously biased, but I think he's one of the best", he said.

And so the statue stands, at the national War Memorial in Canberra, Australia. An Aussie Infidel soldier and his dog, killed in the line of duty, against the Jihad. I am sure, if we win through, as I believe with the mercy of God we will, that there will be other similar statues in time... In France and Russia and Israel and Canada and the USA and Britain and many, many other lands. I would expect, in time, not only the statues honouring our War Dogs, but those in honour of the police dogs who go into action to subdue Mohammedan rioters in our streets or to assist in the capture of jihadi terrorists from where they are holed up; and the others who canvass the travellers at airports and other transport hubs, sniffing – just as in the badlands of Afghanistan – for the hidden bombs or the traces of explosives that betray a bomb-maker. – CM