



Alive!



Refund Checks To Be Available At Club Store

Club to give back \$281,000 to holders of Club Life Insurance. Checks available starting Dec. 1.

THE CLUB — Starting Dec. 1, the Club will be returning more than \$281,000 in refunds to more than 8,500 holders of the Club's Life Insurance product.

New this year: The refund checks will be available Dec. 1 – 4 at the Club Store only. Those checks not picked up personally during that time will be mailed starting Dec. 7.

What will you be doing with your refund dollars? It's up to you ... but only if you have Club Life Insurance.

Members pay premiums each month for the insurance, and that money is paid for life insurance claims. At the end of the year, money that is not paid in the administration of the claims is returned. This year, that totals approximately \$281,000.

"The best thing about the Club's Life Insurance is that it's always there for those in need," said Brian Trent, the Club's Chief Financial Officer. "It's our highest insurance priority."

"But we love giving back anything we don't need, and we have returned money in all but three years of our 81-year existence."

Read the story on page 19 for details on the check disbursement, and how you can be eligible for next year's Club Life Insurance refund.

Dodgers Game A Home Run For the Club

Thousands of Members make special Club event a big winner.

THE CLUB — While the box score might indicate that the winner of the final game of the regular season was the Los Angeles Dodgers, the real winner was The Club!



More than 2,700 Club Members attended this first-ever special event on Fan Appreciation Day Oct. 4. The

Club virtually took over the Right Field Pavilion, the all-you-can-eat section.

It was a huge success for the Club.

"We all had a blast," said Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Operations. "Let's all thank Ticket Guy, who did the deal with the Dodgers to get these great tickets at an even greater price."

"Look for another Dodgers event next year!"

Turn to page 32 (and look on the Club Website) for lots of event photos.

City K-9's On Duty

At LAX, officers and their K-9's help keep us safe. Read about them in this first of an occasional *Alive!* series on City K-9's.

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Officer III Thomas DeLuccia and his K-9, Rajzi, of the LAPD's Bomb Detection Unit, on the tarmac at LAX.

Club photo by Tom Hawkins



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L.A. City K-9's On Duty

Throughout the City, man's best friend – dogs (professionally known as K-9's) – perform a number of very important duties. In this first of an occasional *Alive!* series, read about the police officers and their K-9's keeping us safe at LAX.



Police Officer III Thomas DeLuccia and his K-9, Rajzi, of the LAPD's Bomb Detection Unit, on the tarmac at LAX.



LAPD/Airports

Paws for Safety

LAPD and Airport Police K-9's keep travelers safe from explosive threats at LAX.



A training exercise aboard a plane. Center: A training exercise.



Bomb Detection K-9's

Duties

The Bomb Detection K-9's assigned to LAX carry four main duties. They are:

■ Sniffing luggage

The officers and their K-9's check luggage on regular patrol, and also when a threat is received.

■ Inspecting vehicles, airplanes and facilities

Abandoned vehicles are a major safety risk, so when an abandoned vehicle is reported, the officers/K-9's are put into action.

■ High visibility patrols in terminals

K-9's randomly sniff luggage throughout various terminals.

■ Other duties in the City

The LAPD K-9 Unit at LAX is part of the department's Bomb Detection Unit and therefore is also available for duty outside the airport.



Inspecting a vehicle during a training exercise.



At a meet-and-greet event with the public.



Inspecting a cargo facility.

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Alive! photos by Tom Hawkins and courtesy Airports and LAPD

Next time you enjoy another successful – and safe – departure and arrival at LAX, you can thank a K-9. And its handler, of course.

Fifteen officer/K-9 teams from the LAPD, and 21 from Airport Police, are stationed at LAX to thwart terrorism and other acts of disruption. The K-9's belong to the federal government and are loaned to the City; the program is sponsored by the Office of Homeland Security.

Once they arrive in Los Angeles from San Antonio, they have a 30-day acclimation period before two weeks of further training. And then they're tested and given the all-clear before being certified. The TSA returns every year to test and re-certify the squad members.

The officers are certified, too. "We're certified as a team," DeLuccia explains. "It's the only position in the LAPD where you're tested every year for your position."

A Team

As the City has no kennels, the K-9's go home with their officers. They really do



During a training exercise in Terminal 2 of LAX were, from left to right: Officer Daniel Keehne, Officer Laurie Harrington, Officer John Long, Officer Jerome Evans, K-9 Alda, Officer Tom Davoren, Officer Edwin Dominquez and Officer Tom DeLuccia.



LAPD Officer Tom DeLuccia (right) explains the training exercise to (from left) John Hawkins, Club CEO; John Burnes, *Alive!* editor; and Noah Hawkins, *Alive!* reporter in training.

The LAPD Bomb Detection K-9 Unit is also in charge of protecting other City facilities, including City Hall, the Convention Center, and, really, any bomb threat. "Twenty percent of what we do is actually not at the airport," says Officer III Tom DeLuccia, LAPD.

Training Regimen

The K-9 bomb detection teams started under the FAA in 1973, and were taken over by the TSA in 1997. At that time, four handler/K-9 teams were assigned to LAX.

After Sept. 11, that number increased to 30, the current total.

Most of the K-9's are purchased by the United States government as puppies in Germany and shipped to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, where the TSA puts them and their handlers through 10 weeks of training.

form a team; if for some reason the K-9 doesn't work out, the officer is assigned to other duties until a new K-9 can be sourced, trained and certified with that officer.

"My patrol car is specially equipped for a K-9," Officer DeLuccia says. "The back seat is a special kennel. Plus, if the temperature reaches a certain point, a fan goes on, an alarm sounds, windows open and I receive a page. It's called the 'Hot Dog' system."

Keeping the City Safe

You might see one of the LAPD/Airport Police officers and K-9's patrolling LAX the next time you're flying out, or you might not; they work behind the scenes as often as within eye contact. But either way, you can know that these City K-9's are hard at work, keeping you safe.

Airport Police K-9 Unit at LAX

These officers and K-9's form the Airport Police K-9 Unit at LAX:



Chanuk, and Officer Daniel Keehne.



Rusti, and Officer Havon McLeod.



Max, and Officer Michael Ahumada.



Duco, and Officer Marshall McClain.



Officer Juan Alba and Marco.



Rody, and Officer Efrain Orlanes.



Sonni, and Officer Kendra Williams.



Alda, and Officer Jerome Evans.



Lusi, and Officer Thomas Pendola.



Officer Eric Williams and Petie.



Officer Luis Zenteno and Jimmy.



Officer Marlon Spurgeon and Nnoah.



Officer Rupert Staine and Saman.



Ike, and Officer Thomas Nurra.



Officer Hans Bergmann and Spence.



Jerry, and Officer Daniel Gardea.



Officer Alfonso Lagos and Brandi.



Officer Robert Corchado and Malo.



Baxo, and Officer Michael Manahan.



Officer Eduardo Franco and Maci.



Find That 'Bomb'

TRAINING EXERCISE 1:

In this training exercise, a small suitcase containing inert (but real) explosives was placed under a table in a restaurant in Terminal 2. Each handler took his or her K-9 through the entire terminal.

Upon reaching the planted suitcase, each K-9 did exactly as instructed - sit down, and look their master directly in the eye.



The 'Bomb'!



The training exercise leads to this Terminal 2 restaurant.



TRAINING EXERCISE 2:

In a second simulation, Officer Tom DeLuccia takes his K-9, Rajzi, through an exercise in which the same suitcase is placed among real luggage near a Terminal 2 carousel.

Rajzi came through, finding the bag with the inert explosive.



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Part of the extensive training program with the LAX police K-9's is keeping them sharp and making sure they're up to high standards.

LAPD K-9 Unit at LAX

These officers and K-9's form the LAPD K-9 squad at LAX:



Officer Tom Davoren and Shadow.



Officer Mark Sauvao and Aya.



Officer John Long and Laura.



Officer Ryan Whiteman and Eika.



Officer Donna Odle and Cchase.



Officer Tom DeLuccia and Rajzi.



Officer Dominic Iasparro and Lord.



Searching Terminal 2 for "the bomb."

Officers with their K-9 continue their search.



Approaching the luggage bag with the inert explosives.



Found!

Mission accomplished!



Officer Laurie Harrington and Nolan.



Officer Gary Newton and Alex.



Officer John Borquez and Boomer.



Officer Edwin Dominguez and Soti.



Sgt. II Chris Thiffault, Officer Vanessa Keortge and Rex.



Officer Scott Schube and Izzy.

Everyday Heroes *in* Action

Fire on Cozycroft

Photos by Juan Guerra.

Some 79 firefighters took just 28 minutes to knock down a fire at 9758 Cozycroft Ave. in Chatsworth.

The fire broke out in a commercial building just before 9 a.m. Sept. 4.

Investigators are still trying to determine what caused the fire in the single-story commercial building. There were no injuries and there is no damage figure at press time.



