

## **Q. Do the Military Working Dogs have rank?**

**A. No. They did during the WW II and Vietnam War. But handlers do rank each dog's skill level. For example, a dog straight out of training from Lackland Air Force base is considered a Level 3, which indicates the dog has basic skills in patrol and detection.**

## **Q. Do you take your dogs home?**

**A. No. All Military Working Dogs are billeted in our kennel facility or other appropriate facilities when deployed. These dogs are attack-trained and look forward to a consistent environment of work, reward, training and interaction with their trainers and handlers. They are properly and professionally cared for at the kennels. Their demeanor is not suitable for bringing them into home or family environments. Although their bonds with their handlers are strong, these dogs are definitely not house pets. Some can make the transition after retirement, but are not usually adopted into households with children.**

## **Q. What breeds do the Army train for Military Working Dogs.**

**A. Primarily, the Army purchases and trains German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois. Some Dutch Shepherds and other breeds are also among the Army's MWDs.**

## **Q. From where are the dogs purchased?**

**A. Most are purchased from within the United States. Some are purchased overseas.**

## **Q. What are the working dogs' missions?**

**A. They perform a vast support role in many military operations here and worldwide. Their training and diverse missions include, but are not limited to, patrol work, specialized operations, and narcotics and explosive detection.**