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PRESS RELEASE

Top Dog

Air Cadets and Staff from 2482 (Henlow) Squadron had the pleasure of a visit from Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire joint dog unit recently, who brought three working dogs with them, Kane, Barney and Honey.

To kick starting the evening was Barney, the spaniel, an expert in explosive detection. There were 3 small pieces of paper hidden around the Squadron, which had been next to explosives for a number of days. Barney's handler pointed at places to explore. Upon detection of a potential explosive he sat on the floor with his nose next to it. The reward for finding the deadly threat.... a tennis ball thrown at where he'd found the explosive (which was quite amusing to watch!)

Next up was the criminal catching Alsatian, Kane. One of the very brave handlers put an arm protector on his arm and ran out into the field acting as the criminal. Kane was let loose and ran at full pelt to the criminal and locked his jaws onto the arm. Kane's bite was so strong that when his handler swung him round he gained air but still didn't let go of his arm! Kane would be used to apprehend suspects fleeing a scene on foot.

Finally was Honey the Labrador whose primary role is to find drugs. Honey is also trained for the same job as Kane, so chased one of the dog handlers. Honey nearly knocked over the handler and didn't want to let go! A tennis ball finally prised her away! All of the cadets enjoyed the visit, and were inspired by the dogs and handlers. All learned much about the lives of the dogs and their handlers.

The Squadron are actively recruiting young people aged between 13-17 years. They Parade every Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 7.30 – 9.30pm at RAF Henlow. Contact the Squadron on parade evenings on 01462 851515 ext. 7517 or email 2482Sqn@BedsCambsWgATC.org for further information.
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