

## **Sample letter information for writing to your Mayor and Governor**

Here in the city of Jacksonville, and the state of Florida, I had somewhat of an advantage to begin with, as we have many military bases. So of course if your area has military connections, you too have an advantage. But don't worry if your area is different, as we all appreciate our Veterans no matter where we live. So all of us need to point out that dogs are Veterans, and that we are simply asking that a day be set aside to also honor their service.

You should begin locally, much like I did here in Jacksonville. And I got the interest of the Mayor by asking our area Councilman to contact the Mayor on our behalf. And then once your town has acted to proclaim March 13 as "K9 Veterans Day", you can use it as the example for the entire state, via the Governor.

Of course begin your correspondence by pointing out that you are a local person. And that you are thankful that your area supports its Veterans. Hence you believe that your town and state will want to be a part of this particular effort to honor all of its Veterans.

Now tell them that what you are asking for is a proclamation, joining your city/state with others across the country, declaring March 13 as "K9 Veterans Day". And by all means point out that others have already set the example. Go on to explain that March 13 is significant, as March 13, 1942 is the official birthday of the United States K9 Corps.

Point out that dogs have served, bled, suffered, and died in all our wars, including the current war on terror. And that all kinds of dogs have served, even mix breeds. And because of 9/11, Police K9, Customs K9, Border Patrol K9, Search and Rescue K9, and others are to be honored with this special day of thanks.

Then thank them for their time, and say that you are looking forward to hearing back from them. And by all means be sure to include your contact information.