

UWinnipeg's Pet Project

UWinnipeg is adding **Wesley, a mine-sniffing dog** to the UWinnipeg Family and the University needs your help. The University is looking to raise more than \$15,000 to obtain this hero so he can begin his life-saving work.

Wesley is a German Shepherd that will save lives and limbs of civilians in war-affected countries of the world where landmines remain hidden below the ground ready to take their next victim.



Photo: Jason Halstead

Mine-sniffing dogs are one of the most productive and safest ways of increasing the efficiency of demining and returning the land to productive use without the dogs coming into direct contact with the mines. The health & safety for the dog is a primary concern.

Wesley is a concrete result of The University of Winnipeg's Global College's No Landmines Action Week that took place on campus in November 2007.

DID YOU KNOW

- **Landmines claim a victim every 22 minutes.**
- **MINE SNIFFING DOGS** are **10 times more efficient** than conventional methods. A dog and his handler can clear the size of a football field in three days. Without the dog, it takes 30 days.
- These incredible dogs are remarkably adept at identifying the location of mines without coming into direct contact with them.
- **THE SAFETY LEVEL IS HIGH**, the false alarm rate is low, and the teams find mines before people get hurt.
- **MINE SNIFFING DOGS** are especially effective where non-metallic or plastic-encased mines are laid, since they are difficult to find using conventional methods.
- Dogs can sense odours at concentrations nearly 100 million times lower than humans. Because of this heightened sense of smell, they can detect explosives from a safe distance.

INFO ON LANDMINES

- Landmines are indiscriminate weapons – they do not distinguish between a soldier's footstep or a child's.
- Their toll is devastating, and the consequences of their use are felt years after the war is over.
- Landmine victims suffer debilitating physical and emotional injuries, 'victims' families and communities are plagued by psychological and economic burdens, and the environmental impact of landmines on their surroundings is significant.
- Landmines also impede long-term reconstruction of war-torn societies, the return of refugees and internally displaced persons to their homes, and political reconciliation and peace.

WESLEY will help de-mine areas in the world so children can take a step without worrying if it is their last.

TAKE A STEP & donate to purchase WESLEY

To donate online today, visit www.uwinnipegfoundation.ca/choose

INFO ON DOGS & TRAINING

The dogs are selected at 18 months of age.

The dogs are predominantly German Shepherd.

Wesley will be trained in Bosnia, the country that he will be working in.

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Related links:

<http://www.canadianlandmine.org/>

<http://www.cidc.ws/>

<http://www.landmines.org/>