



HOLIDAY SEASON COMES EARLY FOR PATRIOT AND THE POLICE DEPT'S K-9 UNIT HOLIDAY



Gift receiving season arrived early for Patriot, a seven-year-old German Shepard, and the rest of the Greenburgh, New York Police Department's K-9 Unit. The Hartsdale Pet Cemetery, the nation's oldest, presented a \$1,000 check to the Police Department's K-9 unit which was established in 2003 to help make apprehensions, locate missing persons, and track suspects, by using a dog.

"We are delighted to support this important part of the Greenburgh Police Department," said Edward Martin III, vice president of the cemetery. "The team of Patriot and Detective Wayne Papovitch, K-9 officer, in addition to their law

enforcement duties, conducts numerous demonstrations for schools, civic associations and local businesses."

Taking part in the presentation at Greenburgh Police Department headquarters in addition to Detective Papovitch and Patriot were Chief of Police John Kapica, Special Operations Unit Commanding Officer Sgt. Anthony McVeigh, and Martin, who made the presentation.

This fall, Patriot and Detective Papovitch conducted a demonstration before the Cemetery's blessing of the animals ceremony which was part of National Pet Memorial Day. K9 Patriot was named by the second grade class of the Sacred Heart School in Hartsdale.

The cemetery began in 1896 when Dr. Samuel Johnson, a prominent Manhattan veterinarian, offered his rural Westchester apple orchard as a burial plot for a bereaved woman's dog. A reporter friend of Johnson's heard the tale and did a story in a local paper, which prompted a flood of similar requests from grief-stricken pet owners. Nearly 70,000 animals since 1896 have been interred at the Hartsdale Pet Cemetery. Last year 700 animals were buried and 31,000 animals were cremated there.

For additional information about Hartsdale Pet Cemetery call 914-949-2583, or visit the website at www.petcem.com.

PHOTO CAPTION: Hartsdale Pet Cemetery donates \$1,000 to Greenburgh Police Department's K9 Unit. (left to right) Sgt. Anthony McVeigh, commanding officer, Special Operations Unit, Detective Wayne Popovitch, K9 Unit, Edward Martin III, vice president, Hartsdale Pet Cemetery, John Kapica, police chief.

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