

My Four-Legged Partner

By Corporal Andrew Cline

Hi, my name is Corporal Andrew Cline and my four legged partner is K-9 Fillmore. He is a four year old Black Labrador. I have been working on the TU campus for 11 years. For the past three years I have been a K-9 officer. In July, 2009, Fillmore was adopted from the Labrador Retriever Club of Potomac. Shortly after that, Fillmore and I attended a 6 week narcotics scent detection class with the Baltimore County Police K-9 Unit. The scent work was based upon the dog's fetch drive. There are numerous search techniques developed in the training. By the time he graduated from the class, Fillmore had been trained to detect nine different narcotics.

To stay up to date with narcotic detection, we go through two days of retraining per month with the Baltimore County Police K-9 Unit. These retraining days consist of searching rooms, vehicles and outdoor field areas. The K-9 Unit is also equipped with an SUV outfitted with a temperature monitor called a "hotdog" alert system. This system will alert me that the truck's temperature has reached a predetermined level. If the temperature goes above that level, I am alerted by a page sent to a beeper and the windows in the vehicle automatically drop down to provide adequate air flow. Fans are also activated in the vehicle's window.

Fillmore lives with me at my house and, as a result, is part of my family. I could not have asked for a better dog or partner. He is good with children and adults. He has made numerous friends throughout the campus the past three years. If you see us walking on campus feel free to say hi and come and meet us!

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The Towson University Police Department is pleased to announce its newest crime prevention tool, Online Personal Property Registration. Students, Faculty, and Staff may register their personal property online with the Towson University Police Department. Items such as computers, bikes, iPods, cameras, and other valuables can be entered. Why would you want to do this? In the event your item is lost, stolen, or misplaced, the Towson University Police can help you more efficiently recover your property if that item is registered.

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The Personal Property Registration is FREE and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information about Personal Property Registration, please see any TUPD Officer or contact the Community Relations Office at **410-704-5622**.

To register your property, please visit the Towson University Police website—Crime Prevention and Reporting—and click the link to Personal Property Registration.

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Cpl. Andrew Cline and Fillmore
Patrol Squad



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