

SUPPORT & SPONSORSHIPS

1990

- Founding of the Florida Eagles Dog Chain Club in 1994
- Sponsored Seeing-Eye Dog “ROCKY” through Southeastern Guide Dogs

2000

- Sponsored Service Companion Dog “BUDDY” through Southeastern Guide Dogs - was named in memory of our co-founder: Bud Collette
- Sponsored Seeing-Eye Dog “BEANIE” through Southeastern Guide Dogs
- Sponsored Service Companion Dog “MALCOLM” through Southeastern Guide Dogs
- Co-Sponsored a Service Companion Dog through Southeastern Guide Dogs
- Purchased Bulletproof Vests for Clermont, Dade City, Lake City and Ocala Police Departments
- Sponsored Seeing-Eye Dog “BUDDY #2” through Southeastern Guide Dogs
- Sponsored Service Companion Dog “TYSON” through Canine Companions
- Co-Sponsored a Service Companion Dog through Canine Companions

- Made monetary donation for Service Companion Dogs at the Dogs for Life organization
- Purchased Bulletproof Vests for Zephyrhills, Vero Beach and Sebastian Police Departments

2010

- Purchased Bulletproof Vests for Tampa Police Department
- Sponsored Service Companion Dogs for Veterans & Special Needs recipients through Dogs for Life
- Sponsored Service Companion Dog “EAGLE” through Angel with Paws
- Sponsored Service Companion Dog “ICE” through Angel with Paws
- Made monetary donation for Service Companion Dogs at the Dogs for Life organization
- Sponsored Service Companion Dog “FOE” through Canine Companions
- Made monetary donation for Diabetes Awareness Dogs for Florida recipients

2020

- Funded the purchase of 10 Bloodhound puppies through Jimmy Ryce Center For Victims Of Predatory Abduction.

The Florida Dog Chain Club



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OF EAGLES**

**FLORIDA STATE AERIE
AND AUXILIARY**

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

The Florida Eagles Dog Chain Club was founded at the 1994 Florida State Eagles Convention.

Past Grand Worthy President and Past Florida State Worthy President E.L. Bud Collette and his wife, Past State Madam President Connie Collette were the founding members of the "Club" along with eight additional members.

The members decided to adopt a meaningful project within the state to sponsor purchases of Service Dogs.

In June 1999, we sponsored our first Seeing-Eye Dog named "Rocky."

Since that time, we have sponsored Seeing-Eye Dogs and Service Companion Dogs through numerous foundations and institutions.

To date we have directly sponsored over a dozen Dogs. In addition, we have supported several law enforcement organizations by purchasing bulletproof Dog Vests.

WHAT WE DO

The primary purposes of the Club is to:

- help the less fortunate acquire trained service-type dogs that will improve their daily life
- to outfit law enforcement dogs with needed body armor or other K-9 equipment.

Sponsorships for Service Companion Dogs and Seeing-Eye Dogs range anywhere from \$20,000 to over \$50,000 per dog.

HOW WE RAISE FUNDS

Funds are raised at both the local and state levels to support our initiatives.

Each local Aerie is encouraged to hold a fundraising event to help support the Florida Dog Chain Club.

At the state level the Club holds raffles at state meetings and functions as well as collecting can "tabs" for recycling.

Funds raised can be sent to the Florida State Aerie Secretary.

BECOME A MEMBER

Membership in the Dog Chain Club is by invitation from the current members. If you are interested in becoming a member, let as many of the current members that you know that you are interested and what you have done in support of the Club.

Each year, at our annual meeting, during the Florida State Eagles Convention, each current member in attendance is allowed to recommend one candidate for membership. The Aerie Dog Chain members each recommend an Aerie candidate and the Auxiliary Dog Chain members each recommend an Auxiliary candidate.

Then there is a Blind Draw from the recommended candidates to select the individuals that will be inducted. So, the more members you can get to recommend your name the better are your chances of being chosen!

Candidates are inducted into the Club at the banquet on Saturday night at the State Convention. They are given a nice "Dog Chain" that is chilled "ICE COLD" for the occasion.