

Police K9 Zara

Although she was born here in Wisconsin, the Osseo Police Department's K9, Zara, comes from a long line of German Boxers and successful police dogs. Unlike their American Boxer cousins, German Boxers have a long and rich history of use as working police service dogs. K9 Zara is trained for narcotic detection work and search and rescue tracking.



Bred by George and Cathy Markos of Bachbett Kennels in Mindoro, Wisconsin, Zara and her three littermates, Zena, Zeito and Zahn, were born in July of 2013. She and her handler, Travis Gregerson, were trained by George and Cathy for their work as a police K9 team. *Below: Zara and her littermates at one week of age.*



Below: Zara at six weeks.



Zara's full name is Zarames von Bachbett. Her father, (and her namesake), is Arames vom Messingsberg, SchH2, DPO1, FH1, a German import, who was also used as a working dog and police dog. *Below: Zara's father, Arames, with breeder and trainer, George Markos.*



Zara's mother is Trempealeau County Sheriff Department's tracking and narcotic detector dog, Veena von Bachbett, TR2, StPr1. *Below: Zara's mother, K9 Veena, and handler Deputy Travis McDonah.*



Zara's grandfather is Cliff vom Grand Kevin, SchH2, FH1, DPO1, who served as a dual purpose narcotic detector dog and patrol dog for the La Crosse County Sheriff Department until his retirement. Cliff was born in Germany, but came to the USA as a puppy. *Below: K9 Cliff and handler Deputy Brandon Stoughtenger.*



Zara's great grandmother is Heline vom Talersberg, SchH2, DPO1, who served as a police K9 for the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department. Heline's handler was Tim Wilson, current Chief of the Osseo Police Department, when he was a Deputy in Trempealeau County. *Below: K9 Heline and Tim Wilson.*



Zara has several half brothers, (sired by Arames), who are also employed as police K9s, including K9 Sabiye von Bachbett, who is the current La Crosse County Sheriff Department's K9. *Below: K9 Sabiye and his handler, Brandon Stoughtenger.*



K9 Zara and Officer Gregerson have successfully passed their certification testing as a K9 team, and are now officially working on the street.