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Officer Chris Fraley was Logan's last handler while he was part of the Richmond Police Department. Now he's welcomed Logan into his home as part of his family.



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Pictured from left, Officer Chris Fraley, Logan, and Lieutenant Chip Gray stand outside of the Richmond Police Department.

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Through his nearly seven-year career, he worked with Lieutenant Chip Gray and Officer Chris Fraley. His work in drug detection required him to sniff around for odors given off by drugs.

That role required keen observation on the part of Logan's handlers. As Gray and Fraley had to be able to pick up on subtle changes in behavior on Logan's part to know when he had found drugs.

Over on the patrol dog side of things, Gray described it as a "big basket" of responsibilities that included tracking, searching buildings, and apprehension or "bite work."

"Logan is a funny kind of dog. He's not like a big lover. He doesn't want you to love on him and pet on him. He's like 'let's go to work.' These dogs are not pets," Gray said in a 2022 interview with the Register. "There are some police dogs I know that can turn it off and turn it on. Logan's not

that dog. He's nice and quiet. We've got an indoor kennel for him. He's so intense — all he thinks about is work. At home, he's quiet and calm. But when it's time to go to work, he's hyped up and ready to go."

The serious K9 described by Gray in that old interview is a far cry from the friendly and excitable dog who came back to the RPD station for a meeting with the Register in early June.

"He's doing awesome. We do his physical therapy stretches and stuff.

He gets all the exercise he wants, just living life and hanging out," Fraley said.

Logan served as a police K9 until early 2026 after he was injured in the field. As he was already nearing retirement age, transitioning into civilian life was the natural choice for Logan.

"We definitely don't want to work them until they can't work anymore. Because they are our partners. We always joke that we spend more time with our dogs than we do our family," Gray said.

In law enforcement, K9s live with their partners. Nearly every minute of the day, dog and handler are together. Naturally, the bonds they form are incredibly personal. Logan was passed onto Fraley when Gray was promoted out of patrol work in the department. He spent the last part of his law enforcement career with Fraley.

"We did a lot of great work in those years with him. Dogs are a great tool as far as connecting with the community and things like that," Gray said. "Some people may not have the best perception of police, but everyone loves a dog. Especially a well-trained dog."

The retirement process isn't always an easy one for police dogs. They work in high stress and even dangerous situations, and are even bred to have mission driven instincts and predispositions to chase and find objects.

Fraley knew when he was assigned Logan that the K9 was close to retirement age. He kept that in mind through their partnership, and worked to prepare him for civilian life in a responsible way.

"K9s have a lot going

on in their heads all the time. With Logan in particular I knew that he was coming towards retirement," Fraley said. "He would come on walks with me and my wife. Sort of working him into being used to being around her... My daughter started coming on walks with us. My wife would carry her for a little bit because she's small and loud and high pitched and police dogs have a high prey drive. But over time, they got used to each other. This was all while he was still working."

It was a slow process, but an important one. While Logan has adapted to domestic life, he still gets plenty of obedience time along with plenty of stimulation for his body and brain.

"It's important that he gets some brain work so he's not just going crazy," Fraley said.

Retirement has been seamless for Logan — with the former law dog becoming close with Fraley's wife and daughter. One of Logan's favorite tasks is finding a silicone ring that Fraley hides for him in the backyard. He's also a big fan of laying on top of an air vent in his wife's office.

Gray's daughter has also developed a close friendship with Logan. She's even managed to keep him still enough to play dress up.

"I've got a 4-year-old and she loves Logan to death," Fraley said. "One afternoon we're hanging out and she decides that we're going to have a tea party. It took surprisingly less tries than you would think to get a good picture of Logan wearing a tiara. He's been more than willing to fill the role of being

a little person's buddy."

Regarding retirement for K9 units, RPD policy is that the dog's current handler has the first right of refusal when it comes to adopting the dog. If no one in the department agrees to take them on, they find someone experienced in dog handling to adopt them.

When it came time to decide who Logan would be retiring with, Fraley said that he had planned on taking him in. However, as the majority of the dog's service was with Gray, Fraley said that he left the choice up to him.

"Out of respect for him and their handling and career together, I had to give Lt. Gray a choice," Fraley said.

Gray praised Fraley as both an officer and "dad" to Logan. While he didn't ultimately end up taking Logan home, Gray is still close with the dog. Minutes after being interviewed, Gray put on a bite suit and let Logan practice apprehension techniques on his old partner.

With Logan living his best life in retirement, Fraley is due to take on another K9 partner soon. Like Logan, he'll be a full-service patrol dog. But rather than drugs, his specialty will be finding explosives. Fraley, Gray, and RPD are looking forward to that new K9 joining the team.

Looking back on Logan's service to Richmond, Gray and Fraley believe that the retired K9 has done a lot to make the city a safer place.

"Logan has more than earned his retirement. In my opinion, everybody should be pretty thankful to that," Fraley said.



### Blue Grass Army Depot Public Notice

Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) Emergency Permit Application  
Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD), Richmond, Kentucky  
EPA ID #KY8-213-820-105, AI #2805

The United States Army (Army) has submitted an emergency permit application pursuant to the regulations, 401 KAR 39:060 Section 5(10) to perform hazardous waste treatment activity at the BGAD Open Detonation (OD) grounds. This is for a specific munition item prohibited by BGAD's RCRA permit for routine demilitarization operations. The Army has requested the subject permit to treat a certain quantity of this prohibited munition item which BGAD Quality Assurance Specialist Ammunition Surveillance (QASAS) personnel have determined cannot be safely shipped off-post to other installations for demilitarization, due to the safety risks posed by the deteriorated state of the munitions. Thermal treatment via Open Detonation on-site is the only available option to safely dispose of the munitions. They are currently stored in a dedicated earth covered magazine pending review of the emergency permit application submitted to **Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (KDEP) on Thursday, June 4, 2026.**

This public notice is given to announce the subject permit action is taking place. The permit application provides details of operation, emergency circumstances, actions to be performed, and permit duration which upon issuance will be up to 90 days. However, it is BGAD's intent to demilitarize the munitions as soon as possible upon receiving KDEP's approval given its current conditions. Emergency Permit Application is available for public review through BGAD website at: [www.bluegrass.army.mil/Environmental.aspx](http://www.bluegrass.army.mil/Environmental.aspx)

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments on the application via-email to the BGAD Public Affairs Office at [usarmy.bluegrass.jmc.mbx.bgad-pao@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.bluegrass.jmc.mbx.bgad-pao@army.mil). Alternatively, comments may be sent via US Postal Service to Blue Grass Army Depot, Public Affairs Office, 431 Battlefield Memorial Highway, Richmond, KY 40475. **All comments must be received by June 30, 2026.** Any person who may be aggrieved by the issuance of this may file with the cabinet a petition which sets forth the grounds of the objection and demand a hearing pursuant to KRS 224.10-420(2).