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LOCAL VETERINARIANS RECEIVES CITIZENS AWARD FROM THE WISCONSIN PROFESSIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION

Dr.(s) Douglas and Kimberly Kratt, owners of Central Animal Hospital, were presented with the Citizen's Award by the Wisconsin Professional Police Association in a ceremony in the Dells. The Kratts and the staff of Central Animal Hospital have a long standing relationship with law enforcement. When the Onalaska Police Department was in the process of establishing its K-9 program in 2009 the Kratts were approached about the possibility of providing veterinary services at a reduced rate. The Kratts knowing that Onalaska's K-9 program would be funded through fund raisers and donations countered with an offer to provide veterinary services at no cost.

"It was an unbelievably generous offer," said Onalaska Police Chief Jeffrey Trotnic, "the Kratts have been a driving force behind the success of the K-9 program in Onalaska. Not only do they provide free veterinary services for our K-9 and food at cost they raised funds to purchase a bullet and stab resistant

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vest for our dog. This is an outstanding example of a successful partnership between the Police and the public."

The Kratts' generosity is not limited to the Onalaska Police Department. They extended the offer of free veterinary services to the Wisconsin State Patrol and the Holmen, Campbell and Tomah Police Departments which is a total of eleven K-9(s) between the 5 agencies.

"I can't think of two people more deserving of this award," said Onalaska Patrol Officer Lisa Gerbig, "the level of support that they provide is unprecedented. The Kratts are people who firmly believe in giving back to their community."

Officer Gerbig is the President of the Onalaska Professional Police Association, the local Chapter of the Wisconsin Professional Police Association.

"We believe in investing in our community," said Dr. Douglas Kratt, "and as veterinarians we are very focused on the welfare of all animal so providing assistance to the K-9 programs is our way of paying it forward."

Dr. Douglas Kratt and Dr. Kimberly Kratt are the owners of Central Animal Hospital in Onalaska.