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**GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT K9 TEAM PARTICIPATE IN
NATIONAL CALENDAR TO HELP PROTECT LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS**
*Jason Berger and K9 Beamer appear in the 2021 Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.
nationwide fundraising calendar in the month of March*

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Feb. 15, 2021 – Gainesville Regional Airport (GNV)’s K9 Team, Jason Berger and Beamer, have been selected to participate in the 2021 Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. nationwide fundraising calendar, and are featured in the month of March. Beamer is also featured on the calendar’s cover.

Each year, twelve Law Enforcement K9s who are recipients of vests provided by the nonprofit organization are highlighted in the publication, along with a memorial page paying tribute to the four-legged heroes who have passed.

Beamer, a yellow Labrador Retriever, who celebrated her fourth birthday Feb. 9, received her bullet- and stab-protective vest in 2019 from the national nonprofit, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.



PHOTO CAPTION: *Featured in the month of March: Gainesville Florida Regional Airport’s K9 Beamer and partner, K-9 Handler (Explosives) and Airport Security Coordinator, Jason Berger. Photo courtesy of Cyndi Chambers Sports.*

GNV K9 TEAM FEATURED IN NAT'L CALENDAR

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PHOTO CAPTION: *Gainesville Florida Regional Airport's K-9 Handler (Explosives) and Airport Security Coordinator, Jason Berger and partner, sign "PAWtographed" copies of the 2021 Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. Calendar. Photo credit: Gainesville Regional Airport.*

Calendars are available for purchase online for \$15 via the Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. website at www.vik9s.org. For additional information or mail orders contact 508-824-6978.

All proceeds from the 2021 calendars will be used to provide equipment and services for law enforcement K9s nationwide.

Photographer Cyndi Chambers of Cyndi Chambers Sports donated her services by coordinating the photo shoot, photographing and editing images of Jason and Beamer for the calendar. Beamer and Jason have given out some "PAWtographed" calendars to some of their followers.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has donated over 4,180 bullet and stab protective vests to law enforcement K9s in all 50 states at a value of over \$6.9 million dollars.

About Gainesville Regional Airport: Gainesville Regional Airport (GNV) serves North Central Florida and the Heart of Florida through all facets of aviation: commercial airlines, general aviation, military operations, medical missions and air cargo. Located in Gainesville, Florida, just minutes away from the University of Florida, GNV provides a close, convenient and competitively priced "gateway" to the Heart of Florida. During normal operations, GNV operates 16 daily departures on American Airlines and Delta with nonstop service to the international hubs of Atlanta, Charlotte, Dallas Fort Worth and Miami, providing access to 343 destinations around the world in one stop. GNV is served by a full-service fixed base operator, University Air Center (UAC). With more than 350 part- and full-time employees and tenants at the airport, GNV has an annual economic impact on North Central Florida of more than \$374 million. In 2019, 558,246 commercial passengers set an all-time record for passenger traffic from GNV. For more information, please visit flygainesville.com

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