

“Name the Puppy” 2013

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The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) needs help in naming a handful of their newest (and cutest) recruits!

Young Canadians are invited to submit a name suggestion for one of 10 German Shepherd puppies soon to be born at the Police Dog Service Training Centre (PDSTC) at Innisfail, Alberta. Entrants are encouraged to be original and imaginative in finding names that will serve these puppies well in their career with Canada's national police force. When thinking of names, it is important to keep in mind that these are working police dogs, not pets.

Contest rules are simple:

- Contestants can suggest only one name (one entry per person). The name may be for a male or a female pup.
- The name must start with the letter "F".
- The name must have no more than nine letters.
- The name must be one or two syllables.
- Contestants must live in Canada and be 16 years old or younger.
- To enter, contestants must print their name, age, address, telephone number and the suggested name for a puppy on a postcard and mail it to:

Attn: "Name the Puppy Contest"
Police Dog Service Training Centre
Box 6120
Innisfail, AB T4G 1S8

The RCMP will accept more than one entry per household provided that each participant submits one name per postcard.

Although there can be only ten winners, names not selected for the contest will be considered for other puppies born during the year.

The deadline for entries is **March 22, 2013**. Contest winners and prizes will be announced on **April 16, 2013**.

Winning names will be chosen by the PDSTC staff. A draw will determine the winning entry in the event of multiple submissions of the same puppy name.

The PDSTC is home to the RCMP national police dog training program and is a part of "Depot" Division – the RCMP Academy. As a result of the Centre's breeding program, 85% of the dogs working as police dogs within the force, were born at the centre.

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For more information:

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