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Hello everyone, My name is Bruno. I have recently joined the Washington Township Police Department. I was born March 13 2018 in Isselburg Germany. My first home there was dark, noisy, and crowded. There were lots of other dogs like me there. It was hard to make friends or even rest because the humans were always yelling at us and making us do things all of us dogs thought didn't make much sense. This went on for quite a while. It was hard to sleep, it stunk because we worked all the time and couldn't take a bath.

Then one day some humans came and they were talking and pointing at some of us including me and then they took some of us away from the other dogs. I was scared and did not know what was happening to me. I remember shaking a lot and my stomach was upset. They put us on what looked like a giant bird. We were in the belly of this giant bird for what seemed like forever. There were all kinds of noises and it felt weird, my ears hurt and it felt like I was falling several times. I was still scared wondering what all this was about.

The giant bird finally stopped making noise. Then the humans put me in a cage and placed me inside another odd, looking thing and I was sitting still but everything outside around me was passing by like I was running, but I kept looking at my legs and they weren't moving at all. All these strange experiences made me feel uneasy and startled. The odd moving thing finally stopped and I was taken out of the cage and put in a much larger cage and there were other dogs there in cages also.

One day, two other men came and I could see them talking to the men that had picked me up after getting out of the giant bird. One of the men that had been bringing me food and water came and took one dog out to the other two men that I had never seen before. That one dog was out for a little while and it looked like he was playing with the two men that had been giving me food and water, and the other two men were just watching. They did this, three more times with three other dogs besides that first dog, then they came and got me.

I didn't know what I was there for but I was happy to be out of that cage. I went out to the two men I didn't know and said Hi to them. They seemed nice and seemed very interested in what those other dogs were doing so I wanted to do those same things but I wanted to do it better than the other four dogs.



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One of the games we all got to do was chase one of the humans that was running away from us with a funny looking arm that looked like a pillow. It seemed like a stupid game to me since humans are really slow and I'm not a big fan of chewing on pillows, but, like I said it was nice to be out of that cage and the two new men really seemed interested in what was going on so I tried my hardest to do better then the other dogs that went before me.

I must have done really good because the two new men spent more time with me then they did the other dogs. I was happy, they kept petting me and hugging me. I was really excited and anxious to see what was going to happen next. All of the men talked some more and then Lieutenant Thompson put me in the car he came in that had stripes and lights on it and the other man got into another car that looked exactly the same and we left the place with all the other dogs staying behind. I had no idea what was going on but it seemed like something good was happening.

I got to go to this really nice place that was bright and cheerful that had two very little humans running around that seemed really happy to see me. There was this nice lady that was very quiet and she was always smiling. Lieutenant Thompson gave me a bath which felt so good. He also gave me some food and some stuff that made my stomach feel better. I have never been this happy!

Some time went by with me being able to rest, and spend time with the same four humans all the time, day and night. I even had a soft bed and got to sleep and play in the same cage as the humans. I just can't believe that such wonderful things are happening to me.

Then Lieutenant Thompson and I got to go to school together, every day for six weeks. School was really hard and there were really long days, and it was so hot, but we got through it and I honestly had fun. Lieutenant Thompson and I became best friends. After going to school, I finally learned what it is that everything I had gone through since I was born, was to become a police officer.

That sounds so neat, I am a police officer! I love it that I now know what it is that I am on this earth to do. I am a police officer with the Washington Township Police Department and I couldn't be more proud. I love my immediate family Lieutenant Thompson, the always smiling and kind Taylor, and the two little humans Knox and Carson. I even found out there is another little girl human coming soon, I can't wait to meet her. I will protect my family with my life.



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I also have my Washington Township police family. The other police officers I am so happy to be a part of and get to work with. In school and being in what I now know is a police car, I have got to meet many of you, another part of my Washington Township family while Lieutenant Thompson and I have been out working patrolling the streets of Washington Township, you all are part of my family now also. You have all been so kind and welcoming! I have come from someplace so far away and have been through a lot, but I can't think of anywhere else on earth I would rather be. I am so grateful to be a Washington Township Police Officer and to be part of this community, I promise to take the same oath as my human counterparts, to protect the constitution of The United States, the constitution of The State of Ohio, and the laws and ordinances of Washington Township.

I have also learned that there is no greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for others. I am willing to do that in service to this community. Thank you for bringing me here and allowing me to be part of something so special.

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