

Sunday 7 November 2010 **A day with police dogs** Man's

best friend, the dog is not an animal that serves as a domestic pet only. Its intelligence, loyalty and sharp senses have made it an animal that can serve mankind at higher levels too, such as in the Armed Forces and Police, in crime and narcotic investigations and rescue operations.

Canines that are 'recruited' for such purposes are highly trained and well looked after. Usually these canines are even given ranks in the Armed Forces and some have gone down in history for their heroic acts. Even in our



country, there are canines in the Forces.

The Police dogs are very popular among these special dogs engaged in security activities in our country. These highly trained canines were the star attractions recently at the Visakha Nursery school at an event organised on World Animal Day, which fell on October 4.

According to the Principal, Mrs. C. Lewke the main aim of the event organised in collaboration with the Animal Welfare and Protection Authority (AWPA) had been to educate the children on the need to avoid being bitten by dogs, especially their pet dogs.

It is very important that little children are taught how to handle their pets gently without teasing or causing any discomfort to the pets. If pets are subject to any pain when handled wrongly by little children, they are bound to bite or snap at the children. Most often it is a reflex action made by the animals, so remember gentle handling of pets is a must.

Pictures show two of the Police dogs in action at the school premises.