

*The commando team that killed Osama bin Laden, only one of the 81 members of the super-secret SEAL DevGru unit was identified by name: **Cairo, the war dog.** Cairo, like most canine members of the elite U.S. Navy SEALs, is a **Belgian Malinois**. The Malinois breed is similar to German shepherds but smaller and More compact, with an adult male weighing in the 30-kilo range.*



(German shepherds are still used as war dogs by the American military but The lighter, stubbier Malinois is considered better for the tandem Parachute jumping and rappelling operations often undertaken by SEAL teams. Labrador retrievers

are also favoured by various military organizations around the world.





Like their human counterparts, the dog SEALs are highly trained, highly Skilled, highly motivated special ops experts, able to perform Extraordinary military missions by SEa, Air and Land (thus the acronym).



The dogs, equipped with video cameras, also enter certain danger zones First, allowing their handlers to see what's ahead before humans follow. As I mentioned before, SEAL dogs are even trained parachutists, jumping Either in tandem with their handlers or solo, if the jump is into water.

Last year canine parachute instructor Mike Forsythe and his dog Cara set The world record for highest man-dog parachute deployment, jumping from more than 30,100 feet up the altitude transoceanic passenger jets fly at. Both Forsythe and Cara were wearing oxygen masks and skin protectors for The jump.

Here's a photo from that jump, taken by Andy Anderson for K9 Storm Inc. (more about those folks shortly).



When the SEAL DevGru team (usually known by its old designation, Team 6) Hit bin Laden's Pakistan compound on May 2, Cairo's feet would have been Four of the first on the ground.

And like the human SEALs, Cairo was wearing super-strong, flexible body Armour and outfitted with high-tech equipment that included "doggles"

Specially designed and fitted dog goggles with night-vision and infrared Capability that would

even allow Cairo to see human heat forms through Concrete walls.

Now where on earth would anyone get that kind of incredibly niche hi-tech Doggie gear? From Winnipeg , of all places.

Jim and Glori Slater's Manitoba hi-tech mom-and-pop business, K9 Storm Inc., has a deserved worldwide reputation for designing and manufacturing Probably the best body Armour available for police and military dogs. Working dogs in 15 countries around the world are currently protected by Their K9 Storm body Armour.



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Jim Slater was a canine handler on the Winnipeg Police Force when he Crafted a Kevlar protective jacket for his own dog, Olaf, in the mid-1990s. Soon Slater was making body Armour for other cop dogs, then the Canadian Military and soon the world.

The standard K9 Storm vest also has a load-bearing harness system that Makes it ideal for tandem rappelling and parachuting.



*And then there are the special hi-tech add-ons that
help the K9s... Finally, according to the U.S.*

Features:

Intruder Special Ops. Handle, Kevlar Load Bearing V-Rings, Patented Built-In Harness System

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- track, search, apprehend

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- magazine can be changed in seconds in zero light conditions

Intruder Outer Carrier

- ideal drainage for amphibious assault ops.

Intruder Antenna

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- rugged
- folding

Intruder Camera

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- gross motor skills activation, can be opened with one hand

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