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Memorial Hospital Features Canine on Call

At Manchester Memorial Hospital, Billy, the lone four-legged member of the hospital's security force, provides more than a watchful eye and suspecting nose. He ^{offers} offer comfort.

Three months ago, Memorial became one of a handful of hospitals in the country to institute ^{its} it's own hospital-based K-9 security unit. The two-year pilot program is financed thanks ^{to} too a \$100,000 donation from local benefactor and animal lover Jay Stubblefield. A portion of the money helped pay for Billy, an 84-pound german shepherd born in Poland.

Today Billy and his handler, Shelvin dunham, patrol the emergency department and hospital floors. While Billy's main responsibility is keeping the hospital safe, Dunham says the dog brings much more than safety to the people he encounters.

"He brings comfort and ^{friendship} freindship," said Dunham. "Hospitals aren't always the easiest places to be around. Billy connects with people. His positive nature and enthusiasm rubs off on everyone he encounters. I see it happen every day."

It happened with Dawn Shriver, who spent most of the last two months undergoing chemotherapy treatment. One of the few bright spots during her treatment was the daily visit from Billy.

"Billy ^{he} perks me up," said Shriver. "He takes my mind off the stress of the treatments. I never expected a dog to be part of my hospital experience, but I'm thankful for it."