



OUR COVER: A wet but welcome kiss for his partner! Police Service Dog (PSD) *Brit* plants one on his handler, Cst. Joel Mackown. Both are posted at the Edmonton International Airport Police Dog Service and attached to the Emergency Response Team (ERT) and Tactical Troop in Alberta. *Brit* is one of the first RCMP dogs to sport the K9 Storm vest to help stop bullets and other on-the-job dangers. Despite the protection the vest provides, its use has been met with some concern and reservation from members of the RCMP. For more details on this story, see the article entitled, *Bullet-proof Dogs?* by Suzanne Stoltz, on page 9.

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