

police car and realized *Brit* had also been injured. He wouldn't let anyone near him to check him out so he was driven to the vet and operated on.

The gunman pleaded guilty to discharging a firearm with intent to injure or maim and was given six years with no credit for six months pre-trial custody. Cst. Mackown returned to active duty with *Brit* after a five-month recovery. He has over 100 shotgun pellets in the backs of his legs that may never be removed. Had *Brit* not moved forward at the last second, Mackown could have been killed by those same pellets.



*PSD Brit is a 2 1/2-year-old German Shepherd from the Czech Republic. Cst. Mackown and Brit started training in October 1998 at Innisfail, Alberta. Brit is Cst. Mackown's first K9 partner. — Editor. ❖*

# Blazing a Trail Across Canada: Update on the Relay 2000

If it hasn't already, the Relay 2000 will soon be passing through a city, town or village near you!

Launched this past February in Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, the Relay 2000 is an eight month journey across Canada via the 16,100 km Trans Canada Trail. On September 9, the Relay will finish in the National Capital Region as water from the three oceans bordering Canada — the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic — will be ceremonially blended into the Millennium Fountain by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien symbolizing the completion of the Trail and the uniting of the country.

