

The Land of PureGold Foundation, a charitable and educational non-profit, provides cancer treatment grants for working dogs and funds research in comparative oncology — the study of those cancers that occur similarly in people and companion animals. We additionally promote holistic health, organic & chemically free living, responsible dog care, and respectful training practices.

Robin (Am-Can Ch. Nitro's Boy Wonder SDHF BISS TDI CGC, Police K-9/Search and Rescue Dog), pictured in his *Hope* necklace, is one of our grant recipients. The first Golden to win the American Kennel Club Humane Fund Award for Canine Excellence (ACE) in Law Enforcement, he with his handler, Mary MacQueen, specialize in Human Remains Detection, Narcotics, and Mantrailing. Robin also provides Animal-Assisted Activities, as well as school demos on the dangers of drug abuse. During special events he can be seen carrying a donation basket or lunch box filled with candy for the kids.

Robin was diagnosed with Cutaneous Epitheliotropic Lymphoma, an aggressive form of cancer, on October 15, 2010—just two days after his eighth birthday. Despite a lack of medical coverage and treatment costs of at least \$10,000, our fundraiser and Cancer Treatment Grant ([grants.landofpuregold.com](http://grants.landofpuregold.com)) saved the day.

For those diagnosed with cancer, the embodiment of *hope* remains critical, Suzi Beber's necklace creation ([smilingblueskies.com](http://smilingblueskies.com)) keeping this belief burning bright.