

## **AI ROBOT-DOGS and Handlers**

*or, K9 MWD/Sentry Dogs and Handlers*

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**Robot Dogs** – look *very cool* – but, a few questions here, if you please:

**Will** the Robot Dog carry my helmet, lick my face, chew rocks, or strike terror in the heart of sappers in the wire?

**Will** the Robot Dog block my path refusing to let me walk into a coiled deadly snake?

**Will** the Robot Dog be extra vigilant when It “thinks” I'm sick?

**Will** the Robot Dog set at heel while sharing my poncho in a monsoon?

**Will** the Robot Dog Attack a battalion firing automatic weapons and RPGs, or patrol silently while quartering a post for hours?

**Will** the Robot Dog know the guy stepping out of a bunker to take a wiz, is not Ho Chi Minh?

**Will** the Robot Dog obey basic hand commands in the dark? *like Sit, Down, Come, Watch, Attack?* or *fetch* a bone or, an *ammo magazine* when I desperately need ammo?

**Will** the Robot Dog run through metal-rain to stand guard over a wounded Airman? or decide to play Spotlight Tag with a cloud?

**Will** the Robot Dog decide the good-guys *are* the bad-guys if they're dressed similarly?

**Will** Robot Dogs save the lives of 10,000 US troops?

**Will** the Robot Dog willingly give its circuit-board-life to save mine?

**Will** the Robot Dog's gears freeze with a twig or a *bug* nests in its algorithm?

**Will** the Robot Dog know what to do when the tech-guy-handler, on the other side of the world working the joystick, stands up for a stretch?

**Will** the Robot Dog be a friend? or ever think being a 90 pounds Lap Robot Dog might be fun?

**Will** the Robot Dog understand, or lock'n load, when the day long sun's fried my brain and I twang my bottom lip, “ba, ba, ba, ba, ba,” to the *Row, Row Your Boat* song?

**Will** the Robot Dog stare intently hoping to lick my empty peaches can? or gulp down my entire sandwich (again) when I'm not looking? When I have eaten—my dog eats—what will the Robot Dog do?

**When** the bad guys Hack the Robot Dog and IT suddenly works for them, **Will** IT give a second's calculation I once was its hexadecimal (1101 1010 1101) *dad* who adopted him at Lackland, or trained him OJT in combat action?

**Will** the Robot Dog *feel* a real "connection" with its tech-handler—*other than a USB*—or at shift-change the tech flips the switch to hand IT off to another handler,

**Will** it ever looking back at me?

**Will** the Robet Dog *take-a-bullet* for me?

*And...*

## What about AI Robot-Dog-Handlers?

**Will** an AI Robot Dog-Handler be worth its MREs? And will a P38 C-Rat opener do maintenance on an AI's brain?

**Will** the Robot Dog give away your position if its AI decides IT should stand and exercise its gears?

**Will** an AI Robot Dog-Handler be like my old hybrid Prius and decide at the worst moment IT's no longer what I thought IT was (Robot, or car)?

**Will** the AI Robot Dog-Handler's design priority be first to save the whale or hug a tree? and somehow skip the macro to *save my ass* when the Logic goes south, and a herd of enemies charging me?

**Will** the AI Robot Dog-Handler start WWII without my advice?

**Will** the AI Robot Dog-Handler want to go home with me when IT retires 'it' (and ready for scrap) or I'm WIA disabled?

**Will** the AI Robot Dog-Handler want to hunker-down under my poncho when the monsoon does its thing?

**Will** the AI Robot Dog-Handler go on Leave with me— and want to date my girlfriend?

*Just say'n ...*

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### FYI – Robot Dog status

**Robot Soldier [potential dog handler]** The above *ROBOT DOGS or K9 MWD/Sentry Dogs* was written after watching the very, very impressive video, *New Robot makes Soldiers Obsolete (corridor Digital)*, [see [New Robot Makes Soldiers Obsolete \(Corridor Digital\) - Bing video](#)], BUT—Turns out the video is a spoof FAKE [see: AMAZING] widely posted online as gospel.

- **US Air Force (Security Force) Robot Dog program:** Short version—cancelled May 2021 due to bandwidth issues, indicating the Vision 60 are data-linked and can communicate with other systems.
- **New York City, the New York Police Department (NYPD)** cancelled its \$74,000 *DigiDog* program after criticism [failure to communicate with] citizens and lawmakers after it was deployed during a domestic dispute call at a Manhattan public housing complex where its present scared citizens.

**Still...** who knows what future Robot Dog may look like--perhaps a more acceptable happy face Pluto? If so, would Robot "Pluto" (sorry Disney) do what a real dog does best?