

BELGIAN MALLINOIS-Role in Indian Military

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Introduction: The only animal which can be closely associated with man are Dogs. Since World War II, the US army, for the first time, used dogs in combat for carrying out operations against enemies .

Belgian Mallinois:They are called Malligators and Fur missiles ,they are brave dogs that they helped.(Cairo is the Belgian Mallinois of US Army) in catching international terrorist Osama Bin Laden .



Stamp issued by USPS on Belgian Mallinois dog, horse and mules A first day cover issued by India post 'The Force Multiplier' for

In India, after getting professional training from **Remount and Veterinary Corps** centre and school at Meerut, the canine squad dogs perform various functions which include guard duty, patrolling and detecting explosives including Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), mine detection, sniffing contraband items including drugs and attacking potential targets. These dogs are slimmer and digital camera can be loaded on them to view narrow pathway hence plays a significant role in search operations to help in finding criminals and terrorists (first responder in Anti terror operation at Jammu and Kashmir). Two army dogs (Belgian Mallinois) named **ZOOM** and **CRACKER** died during combat operations after helping Army .

Conclusion: The Indian army has special awards for the dogs for their bravery. From the Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card, Vice Chief of Staff Commendation Card and GOC in Chief Commendation Card, these dogs are awarded for their performance during various operations. The loyalty and combat skills of dogs are incomparable.