



HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Subject: Help support the HCSO's new K9 Deputy!

You have the power to unleash safety! How? By investing in a Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Dual Purpose Canine (K9) Deputy!

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is raising funds to purchase and train our new K9 Deputy Gusto. Deputy Gusto is a 13-month-old German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois dog who will be specializing in fugitive apprehension, deputy protection and narcotics detection. Our goal is to raise \$40,000 to cover the purchase price of Gusto, in addition to his and our K9 Handler's training costs.

Why Invest In A K9 Deputy?

Every community needs patrol canines. Having canine deputies available to cover as many shifts as possible makes a big difference in public safety. Canine deputies are trained to track and apprehend suspects hiding in buildings and homes, search for narcotics and keep deputies safe from dangerous subjects. Canines also assist in deterring criminal behavior by having them present at active crime scenes. Put simply, canine deputies ensure public safety, prevent violence and educate children and seniors during on-site visits.

Canine deputies don't just belong to the Sheriff's Office, they belong to you, the people of Humboldt County. Canine deputies are loyal to their community and dedicated to serve and protect those in need. As we grow our K9 Unit to better reach the communities of Humboldt, please consider investing in K9 Deputy Gusto and his career with the Sheriff's Office.

What About HCSO's Other K9 Deputies?

K9 Deputy Benny, a narcotics detection trained dog, has recently entered into retirement. Benny has served the Sheriff's Office well in the community, but is ready to be a full-time dog. Due to Benny's retirement, the Sheriff's Office is left with just one canine, K9 Deputy Louie. Louie is a narcotics detection dog that is assigned to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. Deputy Louie is hard at work making sure drugs are not brought in or used within the jail. Because this is a full-time job, sheriff's deputies are left without a canine's help in the community.

That is where K9 Deputy Gusto comes to the rescue. Deputy Gusto is not only a drug detection canine, he will be trained in fugitive apprehension and deputy protection, meaning he can help us track down criminals and make our streets safer. Deputy Gusto's skills are crucial as the climate of crime changes within Humboldt County.

How You Can Unleash Safety

Please help unleash safety for your family, friends and fellow community members. Any amount helps! Donations of checks and cash are accepted, and are tax deductible. Checks can be made to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office- K9 Unit and sent to:

HCSO K9 Unit | 826 Fourth St.
Eureka, CA 95501

Thank you for investing in safety. K9 Deputy Gusto is eager to join our team and start serving you, the people of Humboldt County.





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