



# County of Monterey

**Item No.44**

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

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### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Monterey and the County of Monterey Patrol Association (COMPA) has the following paragraph in Section 7.5.4.D. regarding canine handlers:

If a canine that is owned by the Sheriff's Office becomes permanently disabled or is no longer able to perform its duties, as determined by the Sheriff's Office within its sole discretion, the Canine Handler shall be offered the first opportunity to purchase the canine at a cost of one dollar (\$1.00). If so purchased, neither the Deputy nor the canine will be entitled to any benefits described in this section, unless the Deputy is assigned another Sheriff's Office-owned canine. If purchased, the canine shall become the sole responsibility of the purchaser and the purchaser waives all claims against the County.

K9 Loki is a trained narcotics canine being permanently relieved from law enforcement service, due to his being plagued by rear leg injuries which severely limit his ability to walk and eliminate his ability jump. The injuries have chronically been sprains and strains to ligaments in his rear legs. Deputy Gross has consulted with the agency veterinarian over the course of this issue and attempted multiple rehabilitation solutions without a successful outcome well enough for full duty use. K9 Loki was donated and placed into service with the Sheriff's Office in May 2020 and has been diligently serving the residents of Monterey County since. K9 Loki has facilitated hundreds of felonious arrests as well as has assisted in the seizure of over one hundred pounds of controlled substances. During his 3 years of dedicated and honorable service he has served as a valuable resource for the deputies of the Sheriff's Office, as well as many other allied law enforcement agencies.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has approved as to form.

FINANCING:

There is no net County cost in the General Fund as a result of this recommendation.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

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- Economic Development
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Attachments:

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K9 Loki Resolution