



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Board Report

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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 Koa is a trained narcotics canine being permanently relieved from law enforcement service. K9 Koa was purchased and placed into service with the Sheriff's Office in 2014 and he has been diligently serving the citizenry of Monterey County since. K9 Koa has facilitated the arrest of more than one hundred felonious violators as well as locating hundreds of pounds of controlled substances. During his 9 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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Attachments:
Board Report
K9 Koa Retirement & Purchase Memo