



**City of Santa Ana**  
**20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701**  
**Staff Report**  
**August 1, 2023**

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**TOPIC:** Resolution and Agreement for Police Department K-9 Program

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**AGENDA TITLE**

Adopt a Resolution and Approve an Agreement Authorizing Police Corporal Joshua Gripentrog to Purchase a Retired Santa Ana Police Department K-9, and Accepting the Donation of a Police K-9 from Johanna Scillieri for the Santa Ana Police Department K-9 Program

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase agreement between Santa Ana Police Corporal Joshua Gripentrog and the City of Santa Ana for the sale of a retired Santa Ana Police Department K-9, and accepting the donation of a Police K-9, equipment, and supplies from Johanna Scillieri for the Santa Ana Police Department's K-9 Program.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with Santa Ana Police Corporal Joshua Gripentrog for the sale of a retired Police Department K-9 in the amount of \$1, subject to non-substantive changes approved by the City Manager and City Attorney.

**DISCUSSION**

The Santa Ana Police Department Canine Unit utilizes police service dogs trained specifically to assist with different patrol functions. The police service dogs serve as a valuable officer safety resource during tactical and high-risk situations. The police service dogs are used to find and apprehend violent suspects, providing officers with additional safety options when apprehending a suspect. In addition to enforcement duties, canine handlers perform public relations activities with their K-9s that enhance the crucial bond between the Police Department and community members. During public demonstrations, community members are able to "meet and greet" the police service dogs and observe live bite and detection demonstrations.

From time to time, community members contribute funding and supplies to enhance Department programs. Santa Ana Police Department Volunteer Johanna Scillieri, who

volunteers in the Investigations Division, has a passion for animals and the Santa Ana Police Department's K-9 Program in particular. Volunteer Scillieri wishes to donate new K-9 "Wick" to the program. The total value of new K-9 Wick, equipment, and supplies is approximately \$12,930.

Currently, the Santa Ana Police Department Canine Unit has six apprehension canines, a bloodhound, a therapeutic dog, and a narcotics detection dog. Approval of this resolution will enhance the Canine Unit's operational status in assisting other Department bureaus in continuing a 7-day/week coverage for the City of Santa Ana. The Santa Ana Police Department appreciates the partnership it has with its volunteers and recommends approval of this resolution.

Police Corporal Gripentrog has worked alongside his K-9 partner Marko since 2016. His assigned K-9, Marko, is ten years old, the average retirement age for police service dogs. At his age and physical condition, it would be impractical to keep him in service as a K-9 team with Police Corporal Gripentrog. During their assignment as a K-9 team, Marko has lived with Police Corporal Gripentrog for seven years. As Marko retires, Police Corporal Gripentrog wishes to purchase Marko for the standard fee of \$1 (one dollar). Police Corporal Gripentrog will assume ownership and full responsibility for the care, maintenance, food, housing, medical, and any other expenses that arise out of Police Corporal Gripentrog's ownership of Marko. In order to provide a consistent home and care for K-9 Marko, it is recommended that the agreement between Police Corporal Gripentrog and the City of Santa Ana be approved.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

There is no environmental impact associated with this action.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The \$1 (one dollar) payment from Corporal Gripentrog from the purchase of K-9 Marko will be deposited into the Police Department Miscellaneous Reimbursement revenue account (no. 01114002-57402).

### **EXHIBIT(S)**

1. Resolution
2. Agreement with Corporal Gripentrog

Submitted By: David Valentin, Police Chief

Approved By: Kristine Ridge, City Manager