



## Legislation Text

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**FROM:**

Police Department

**SUBJECT:**

Approve Donations of Dog "Leo" and Present and Future Accompanying K-9 Dog Equipment from Fontana Police K-9 Pals, a California Nonprofit Corporation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve the donation of the dog "Leo" from Fontana Police K-9 Pals, a California nonprofit corporation, to the City of Fontana in order for "Leo" to become part of the Fontana Police Department's K-9 Unit.
2. Approve present and future accompanying K-9 dog equipment from Fontana Police K-9 Pals to support the Fontana Police Department's K-9 Unit operations.

**COUNCIL GOALS:**

- Improve public safety by increasing operational efficiency, visibility and availability.
- Improve public safety by emphasizing community-oriented policing, community involvement, and youth programs.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City of Fontana Police Department currently has a need for an additional dog to become part of its K-9 Unit. Fontana Police K-9 Pals, a California nonprofit corporation, has a dog named "Leo" that it desires to donate permanently and irrevocably to the City of Fontana at no cost in order to fulfill the Police Department's needs.

K-9 "Leo" was purchased with funds received from Stater Bros. charities. Stater Bros. charities provided a \$10,000 grant to the Fontana Police K-9 Pals for the purchase of a new cross trained police dog. K-9 "Leo" was purchased by the Fontana Police K-9 Pals using the Stater Bros. charities grant funds for \$8,000. His name "Leo" comes from one of the founding partners for Stater Bros. who were twin brothers. K-9 "Leo" has been certified for patrol and will be attending human tracing training in November. He will also be cross trained to find explosives and firearms.

Fontana Police K-9 Pals also desires to donate, on an on-going basis, accompanying K-9 dog equipment in order to support the Police Department's K-9 Unit operations, such as, but not limited to, e-collars, leashes, and toys.

The Police Department would like to receive the donation of "Leo" into its K-9 Unit and would also like to receive present and future donations of accompanying K-9 dog equipment for its operations from Fontana Police K-9 Pals.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The acceptance of canine “Leo” represents a cost savings to the City of \$8,000 plus continued savings through additional donations of related equipment from K-9 Pals. On-going maintenance costs for canine “Leo” are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget.

**MOTION:**

Approve staff recommendation.