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Oakland Co. Sheriff Adds New Unit Dog

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The Oakland County Sheriff's Department has welcomed a new member to its K-9 unit. Yeager, a German shepherd, graduated from the Oakland Police Academy and was sworn in by Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard last week.

The purchase of Yeager was made possible through a \$5,000 donation in August by Kroger and Milk Bone.

Yeager is considered a sworn deputy, meaning anyone who willfully or seriously harms him is subject to charges, including felony.

Yeager is taking the place of Rocko, who retired recently after nine years with the unit.

Yeager is being handled by Deputy Sherry Locher, who also handled Rocko.

The office's K-9 unit was reinstated by Bouchard in 199 and has a total of 15 dogs that are trained in bomb detection, how to protect their handlers and tracking missing persons.

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