



California Police Welcome Drug-Sniffing Dog

Redlands Police Department purchased a Lab mix with help from donations.

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Students from Crafton Elementary School in Redlands, Calif., take a photo with Radar. The Redlands, Calif., Police Department welcomed a new member to its Canine Unit – a 1-year-old black Labrador Retriever mix named Radar who will work as a drug-sniffing dog.

The department's canine program received a \$5,000 donation from Stater Bros. Markets and Milk-Bone for the purchase of a new police dog. In addition, Stater Bros. contributed another \$2,500 for the ongoing training of the K9 officer.

The contributions support law enforcement and security preparedness in Redlands and were made possible through the partnership between Stater Bros., Del Monte Pet Products, and Milk-Bone.

Redlands Police Officer Dan Figgins will work alongside the dog as his handler. Redlands Police narcotics officers also will work with the dog and make his services available to other local agencies.

The unit will be part of the Inland Empire K9 Handlers Association, which also donated to the canine unit, according to the city of Redlands.