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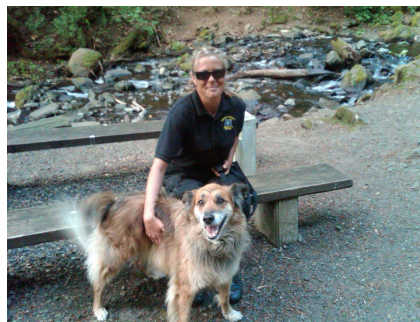
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K9 Unit

On Thursday, July 12, 2010, Umatilla County Sheriff's Office welcomed K9 deputy "Stevie" to the Criminal Division after successfully completing Oregon Police Canine Associations (OPCA) Narcotics Canine Detection Standards Testing with Deputy Lindsey Evans.

Ontario Police Department donated Stevie, 6 year old female, German Shepherd Border Collie mix, after recently dissolving their K9 Unit Program due to handler's promotion.

Stevie and Deputy Evans are certified for drug searches through OPCA and will be available to outside agencies in addition to Umatilla County Sheriff's Office. Veterinarian James Burgess at Country Animal Hospital is donating all healthcare maintenance expenses, making UCSO K9 unit possible. Without Deputy Evans' commitment to creating the K9 Program, absorbing daily cost associated with Stevie and kind donation by Veterinarian Burgess, this program would not be able to exist. K9 deputy Stevie will assist and support public safety agencies to effectively and efficiently carry out their mission.



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