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Hastings Police Canine

The Hastings Police Department announces that it has purchased a police canine from the Jefferson County Nebraska Sheriff's Office. Rex is a 4 1/2 year old German Shepherd who has three years of training and experience.

The Hastings Police Department has been without a police service dog for about a year. WOJO died unexpectedly last spring after seven years of service.

Rex is assigned to Officer Travis Beahm and will be used for patrol duties and drug investigations. Officer Beahm is an experienced dog handler and has an exceptional record while serving as a dog handler in the United States Air Force. Rex has demonstrated excellent abilities and will be a valuable asset in combating our community's drug problems.

The Hastings Police Foundation will continue to raise funds for the purchase of a second police canine. Our plan is to have two police canines, a younger dog complimenting the older dog. Our next dog will also be used for community presentations and demonstrations.

The Hastings Police Department continues its efforts to combat the distribution and use of illegal substances.

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