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New K-9 Ready for Duty



The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office has added Tikko, a male Hungarian Sable Shepherd, to its K-9 Unit. Tikko was born in Pazmond, Hungary, and was hand-picked by Deputy Brian Biegel, whose canine partner "Ozzi" passed away in January.

The two attended K-9 Academy for 12 weeks and trained in Narcotics, Tracking and Patrol. Training continued in May with an advanced K-9 academy in Cape Coral.

After 750 hours, the team graduated and was successfully certified by the National Police Canine Association, bringing to seven the number of K-9 teams in the unit.