

COPPER: Sheriff's office sought names by vote from public

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Whistles for Life, contacted us about purchasing a pup for Deschutes County, and we had a litter coming up and decided to donate to Oregon. We are really happy when our pups can be used for what their breed is so good at. This bloodhound will be an incredible addition to the Sheriff's Office K9 program."

Deputy Donny Patterson, a 12-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, was selected to be Copper's partner.

Patterson is currently in California with Copper. They

are beginning their training this week with a certified bloodhound trainer at an agency in the Riverside area.

"Copper will be trained to track scent. His primary purpose will be to find lost or missing people," said Sergeant William Bailey, Public Information Officer/Administrative Sergeant for Deschutes County Sheriff's Office. "Donny, as his handler, will be learning how to train and work with the bloodhound, but also how to read his body language and behavior during a track."

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office offered special thanks to Tamaron Ranch Bloodhounds for their donation, and also to Bob Cameron, for coordinating this special

new member of the agency.

Bailey noted, "We would like to thank everyone that helped us with the naming process. It is very apparent to us that our community loves our newest K9 and everyone is looking forward to his many years of service to the citizens and visitors of Deschutes County."

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Veterinarians protest killing of bobcat kitten in Eugene

BEND (AP) — More than 60 Oregon veterinarians have signed a petition asking Gov. Kate Brown to order an investigation into the killing of a bobcat kitten that wandered into an elementary school.

The 62 veterinarians from Eugene, Bend, Portland, Corvallis, Sunriver and more signed the petition calling the death of the kitten by blunt force trauma "unacceptable, cruel, and offensive to our profession," *The Register-Guard* reported.

An Oregon State Police trooper bludgeoned the kitten

to death, but the agency has not said what was used in the killing.

"The kitten was not injured or sick, and its life was not ended painlessly as a last resort," the petition reads. "Euthanasia is a painless method to end a life to relieve the pain and suffering of a hopelessly sick or injured animal. AVMA guidelines clearly state that blunt force trauma to the head is used primarily for small laboratory animals with thin craniums, and that alternate approaches should be actively sought."

FEEDBACK: SPRD working on strategic planning

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the executive director, and one line-staff member will meet once before the public meetings to process information gathered at both board and staff retreats and organize it into themes/categories. After the public meetings, the subcommittee will analyze the draft and all public input, rank the priorities, identify the objectives and actions, and determine the budgetary impact of proposed priorities. All of that information is what will be used to make the final recommendation to the board.

The process started by looking at the previous strategic plan to evaluate how

they did and what was accomplished. That plan was being implemented during a very turbulent time for the district. Over the past year, interim Director Courtney Snead put SPRD on a firm footing organizationally and functionally, and the new permanent executive director, Holland, brings 17 years of parks and rec experience to her position and is prepared and able to move the district forward with a new strategic plan.

The previous plan had six goals with 47 objectives/actions. To date, 13 have been accomplished, 25 are in progress or will continue indefinitely, and six are not started. Those six will be reviewed to see if they are still priorities.

In their retreats, the staff and board have looked at the organization's strengths and weaknesses (internal factors)

and their opportunities and threats (external factors). They have also reviewed the mission statement to see what's good and what might be missing, as well as discussing where they want to be in two to three years.

The goal of this entire process is to have a new strategic plan for 2020-2022, adopted by the board at their January 2020 business meeting. For more information, contact SPRD at 541-549-2091.

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