



# RATON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Police Service Dog (PSD) Aros was born on October 14, 2004 in the country of Holland. Aros was evaluated and purchased by Adlerhorst International, which is based in Riverside California. Aros was selected then shipped back to Adlerhorst from a police department in Utah because they did not like Aros' demeanor. Officer Coca, a 2 ½ year patrolman with the Raton Police Department, put on a bite suit and Aros bit him in the left butt cheek, left arm and they became partners from that point.

PSD Aros was certified in patrol operations (6 week/240 hour course) with K9 Officer Coca on July 13, 2007 and certified in drug detection (5 week/200 hour course) on August 17, 2007. Both trainings were conducted at Adlerhorst International K9 training academy in Riverside, California.

During his active service, PSD Aros was utilized for patrol and narcotic operations. Aros completed numerous searches for subjects involved in or wanted in a variety of crimes; commercial/residential burglary, fleeing and resisting subjects, crowd control, armed persons, and stolen vehicles. Subjects that were wanted fugitives, burglars and traffickers of narcotics. Over several completed searches, numerous subjects were found or gave up without incident and twelve unlucky others were physically apprehended.

PSD Aros assisted in numerous other searches with outside agencies such as the DEA, State Police, Motor Transportation Department, Colfax County Sheriff, Adult Probation and Parole and VMDC. Aros positively indicated where there was a presence of narcotic odor resulting in the seizure of bulk narcotics and U.S. Currency. PSD Aros completed numerous searches at the local schools and demonstrated his abilities of patrol and narcotic detection.

During his time with the Raton Police Department, PSD Aros was evaluated quarterly to maintain the highest proficiency, over his 7 ½ years of dedicated service. PSD Aros was recertified in patrol and narcotics operations detection seven times where he had to overcome the same obstacles and exercises as those set during his initial certification in Riverside. It should be noted that even as he aged PSD Aros always passed his recertification with flying colors.

PSD Aros exceeded all expectations during his service with the Raton Police Department. Aros was always ready and willing to work, day or night, rain or shine. PSD Aros' biggest asset to the Police Department was the ability to use his nose to find people, narcotics or currency. Aros could search those unknown places where subjects could not be seen by our officers or his handler, thereby reducing the risk to officers and their safety.

The Raton Police Department thanks you for your dedicated service, Police Service Dog AROS!