

# CIE gives to K9 fund

Grant Co. sheriff's department gets one new dog

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The Grant County Sheriff's Department now has enough money to replace one of their two police dogs, thanks to a large donation from Central Indiana Ethanol.

Plant officials on Tuesday presented the department with a \$15,000 check to purchase a new dog. Deputies have been raising money for a few weeks.

Lt. Scott Haley said his trained dog Lacota is ready to retire after 10 years of service, and the department's other dog will be set to retire within a couple years. The department also hopes to purchase a third dog.

Each animal costs about \$13,000, and Gary Drook, president and CEO of CIE, said employees at the plant wanted to buy the department a dog.

"We read about their situation in the newspaper, and we thought this was a really good thing," Drook said. "We wanted to give them a check so that Lacota can

retire. We're proud to be able to do this."

He said Kelly Turner, the plant's vice president of human resources and chairwoman of the donation committee, brought the idea to the committee. The money came out of company funds.

"Our people work hard, which makes us profitable so we're able to do this," Drook said.

After the check was presented, Haley did a couple demonstrations with Lacota outside the plant. The dog was able to detect drugs that police had hidden in a vehicle.

"I had no idea we were going to get that much," Haley said of the donation. "\$15,000 from a business today is exceptional. We're very excited."

The donation brings the total amount raised to about \$24,000, which include \$756 from Art in Motion Pets. The pet store sold raffle tickets for a \$100 gift card to the business, and 756 tickets were purchased at \$1 each.

Haley said deputies will continue raising money for the second dog. Any additional money will be placed into a fund and used for food, supplies and medical care for the dogs.



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**DEMONSTRATION** — Grant County Sheriff K-9 Officer Lacota, left, bites fellow officer Jason Ewer during a demonstration for employees Tuesday at Central Indiana Ethanol. CIE donated enough money to the sheriff's department to purchase another K-9 officer. *Make this image yours. Go to [www.chronicle-tribune.com](http://www.chronicle-tribune.com).*





GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT K-9