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Lockport Police K-9 Citgo Retires from Official Duty

Lockport, IL – The Lockport Police Department officially announces the retirement of Canine Citgo (a.k.a. Santos). After more than seven years of dedicated service, Citgo will be greatly missed by City staff, elected officials, and the community. Earlier today, the Lockport Police Department held a special celebration to honor and wish Citgo a very happy retirement.

Citgo is an 8.5 year old Belgian Malinois. He entered police service as a member of the Lockport Police Department in August 2014. He is certified in narcotics and human trafficking searches and suspect apprehension.

At the Committee of the Whole (COTW) Meeting on February 17, 2021, the Police Department informed the City Council about a recent change in Citgo's medical status. Earlier this year, the Police Department was informed by his veterinarian that Citgo suffers from a degenerative spinal condition causing his vertebrae to fuse together.

Due to the physical nature of police canine duties conventional treatment methods may not be effective in preventing long-term and/or significant injury. In agreement with his veterinarian, the Lockport Police Department recommended that Citgo be retired immediately in the interest of his health and well-being.

The City Council agreed with the LPD, and Citgo's retirement was made official by approval of [Resolution No. 21-033](#). Citgo will continue to be cared for by his handler, Officer Andrew Ganger.

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