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## USF Community to Name USF Police Therapy Dog

**TAMPA, Fla. (Jan. 27, 2021)** – The University of South Florida Police Department has expanded its canine program by acquiring a therapy dog earlier this year. This dog will provide emotional support to crime victims and members of the community experiencing emotional distress.

The dog was rescued from a Brevard County shelter by experts in the field. She and the handler bonded through a week-long training for obedience and temperament. Bubbles, her temporary name, will continue to undergo regular training with the handler throughout the year.

In an effort to introduce the dog and create a sense of community, Chief Chris Daniel, decided to give the students, staff and faculty naming rights. “The therapy dog is a way for us to minimize the impact victims experience during a traumatic event,” Daniel stated. “We feel this will create a continuous bond between the USF Police Department and the community we serve.”

We have narrowed the list to five (5) names and now we need your help. Please join us in selecting the name of the first therapy dog at the University of South Florida Police Department. The voting is set to close on Friday, February 5, at 3 p.m. The winning name will be announced at the end of the survey on the USF Police website at [USF Police Events Page](#).

Here’s the short list:

1. Bailey
2. Bella
3. Nala
4. Skye
5. Zoey

In order to vote, please visit the link below: [Naming USF Police Therapy Dog](#)

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