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**Texas' first mold-detecting dog**

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By: Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION -- There's a new dog in Texas -- and he knows about mold tricks.

[Texas A&M](#) veterinary school officials and a Houston businessman showed off Max Thursday.

The year-old Border Collie and Labrador Retriever mix is being touted as the state's first mold-detecting dog.

Max is owned by Eric Voss, who runs The Allergy and Health Store. Voss said Max seems to enjoy his mold-sniffing duties.

Max is a product of the [Florida Canine Academy](#), which trains dogs for detection of explosives, drugs, money -- and now mold.

Similar dogs have been introduced in Florida and California.

Max has had more than 1,000 hours of training since he was plucked from an animal shelter.

Texas A&M has no business connection to Max, but is interested in the dog's abilities and in keeping him healthy. The pooch will return to College Station for periodic medical checkups.

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