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Nevada Has Canine Companion To Help Sniff Out Mold

Las Vegas, Nevada, May 20 - Dogs help people with disabilities, help investigators solve crimes and now Nevada is the home of a highly trained dog that will help keep your family healthy by getting the mold out of your home. Toxic mold is a growing problem all around the valley. News 3's Ben Correa introduces us to Trace, the mold-sniffing dog.

Mold, once found in the home, can damage your property and cause health concerns for several people no matter the age. Property owners now have another option in pin-pointing mold. A tool that comes with lots of fur, four legs,

and occasional licks when she is not working. "When she put it on she knows it is time to work."

"She" is a Jack Russell Terrier named Trace. That has a nose for black or toxic mold. "Trace actually comes through and pin points like a bomb dog would. She is showing me where the mold is through gestures. I'm helping her along. Wherever there is mold, she sits." Trace can sniff out mold that may be growing in places invisible to the human eye.

"The difference between your typical dog and Trace is that she gets fed through working and that helps homeowners with black mold problems. She is much like a little kid. She needs a little rest then she gets her focus back." Another job well done for Trace, the mold sniffing dog. This was a demonstration for cameras and mold packets were placed around the home. Moldsniffers is the company Trace is part of. Her owner say if clients follow a proper protocol list, Trace's accuracy in finding mold is about 90 percent.

Having Trace in your home will run you about 500 hundred dollars. The Jack Russell Terrier is only one of 20 dogs in America trained to sniff out mold.

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