



## **Sheriff Doug Farmer**

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Mr. Don Adams Jackson county Manager 401 Grindstaff Cove Road Sylva, North Carolina 28779

Mr. Adams

Axe, one of our canines, is retiring do to unable to perform duties and age of the canine. I am requesting Axe be officially retired on 01/17/2023.

Previous discussions were made regarding his retirement and what to do with him since he will no longer be working.

I would like for the control of this canine to be placed with the current handler, Detective Ridge Parris. Detective Parris has been an excellent handler and has cared for Axe day in and day out during Axe's career.

In previous instances of retired law enforcement canines with the Sheriff's Office, all of those canines were transferred to their handlers at no cost. I find this to be an excellent solution to not burden Detective Parris financially and show our respect for the dedication our canine officer has given.

Respectfully,

Doug Farmer, Sheriff