

# Jackson County Sheriff's Office



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Mr. Adams

Jax, one of our canines has ended his career with the Sheriff's Office on May 11, 2021. Previous discussions were made reference to his retirement and what exactly to do with him since he will no longer be fit to continue as a canine law enforcement officer due to continuing health concerns. I would like for the control of this canine to be placed with the current handler, Deputy Sergeant Megan Rhinehart. Sgt. Rhinehart has been an excellent handler and has cared for Jax day in and day out. In previous instances of retired law enforcement canines with the Sheriff's Office, all of those canines were transferred to their owners at no cost. I find this to be an excellent solution to not burden Sergeant Rhinehart and show our respect for the dedication our canine officer has given.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chip Hall".

Chip Hall, Sheriff