

Jackson County Sheriff's Office



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November 17, 2021

Mr. Don Adams
Jackson County Manager
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Mr. Adams

Scout, one of our canines, has been recommended for retirement by his veterinarian. Having reviewed the letter from Dr. Dianna Bragg I concur with her recommendation. I am requesting Scout be officially retired from the Sheriff's Office effective January 1, 2022.

Previous discussions were made regarding 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 chronic health concerns. I would like for the control of this canine to be placed with the current handler, Senior Deputy Scott Holder. Senior Deputy Holder has been an excellent handler and has cared for Scout day in and day out during Scout'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 Senior Deputy Holder financially and show our respect for the dedication our canine officer has given.

Respectfully,

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

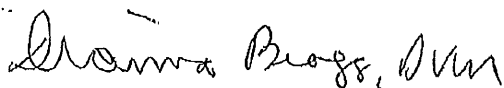
Chip Hall, Sheriff

Attachment

Dianna Bragg
Sylva Animal Hospital
1307 Asheville Hwy
Sylva, NC 28779
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Dear Sheriff Hall,

Scout is a 6 year old male Belgian Malinois with the JCSD who is being handled by Scott Holder. I saw Scout on 6/14/2021 for lameness with the left front leg after working hard. This includes tracking and any running or agility work. He was placed on Rimadyl, an anti-inflammatory, but he did not improve. He was brought in for sedation and radiographs of the left front leg. They were sent to the surgeon that did surgery on the left shoulder in May 2017 when he had an OCD (osteochondritis dissecans) lesion. He saw mild osteophyte production of the caudal humeral head that appears to be chronic and he thought the osteoarthritis and degenerative joint disease is minimal for the time frame since his surgery. Although, at this point the arthritis is mild, it is doubtful that he can do what is required for his job without being in pain. Even with pain management, it will only temporarily relieve the pain, not reverse the damage to the shoulder. It would be in his best interest to retire him from active duty.



Dianna Bragg, DVM



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Sherrif's dog

Brett Wood <bwood@blueridgevetsurgery.com>
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Wed, Jul 7, 2021 at 8:50 PM

Dr. Bragg,

I see some mild osteophyte production of caudal humeral head that appears chronic and for the time frame since shoulder OCD very minimal OA/DJD of the shoulder joint. I don't see any obvious lytic/proliferative lesions for sure (there could be very subtle changes to the proximal humeral region but based on non-progressive lameness neoplasia seems less likely). The elbow and carpus appear WNL on the submitted rads.

I suppose we could assume it's the shoulder and maybe follow up with either PRP or hyvlsc/steroid injection of the shoulder to see if lameness resolves and/or if helped at all. I included some info on the PRP.

Thanks for sending rads

BW

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