

DAVIDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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"Making Davidson County a Better and Safer Place"

*Sheriff
Richie Simmons*



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Date: October 2, 2019

To: Zeb Hanner Jr.
Casey Smith

From: Sheriff Richie Simmons

RE: Retirement of K-9 Officer "Dakota"

Sheriff Richie Simmons is requesting that the Davidson County Board of Commissioners authorize the retirement and sale of 11 year old canine "Dakota."

Canine "Dakota" has served as a sheriff canine for approximately 8 years and is trained in the detection of illegal drugs. Due to his age, his drive to effectively detect illegal drugs has diminished and he is no longer an asset to the patrol division of the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Simmons is requesting that canine "Dakota" be sold to his current handler, Cpl. Jerry Soles, at a price of one dollar (\$1.00).

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richie Simmons', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Sheriff Richie Simmons
Davidson County Sheriff

North Davidson Veterinary Hospital
5042 Old US Highway 52
PO Box 599
Welcome, NC 27374
336-731-6978

December 2, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Dakota, a 10 year old Labrador Retriever canine, was presented to NDVH on 11-29-2018 for a ruptured mammary tumor and periodontal disease. On the following day, the mass was surgically removed and the teeth were cleaned.

Medical records for Dakota show that she has been a relatively healthy canine requiring limited veterinary medical intervention, beyond routine care.

However, due to her recent muscle atrophy from suspected osteoarthritis, previous tumor growth, and advanced age, it is our recommendation that she no longer serve as a canine officer. We advise immediate retirement from all regular law enforcement duties.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Joseph Breland, DVM

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