

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Sheriff's Department

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-9

Urgent  Routine

AGENDA DATE April 20, 2010

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of the Agreement for the Sheriff to Retire One Canine from the Sheriff's Department Narcotics Canine Unit

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Authorize the Sheriff to retire one canine from Sheriff's Department service and to enter into a Canine Retirement Contract with the canine's current handler.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The retiring canine, Allie, will be sold for \$1.00 to the current handler, retired Deputy Jeff Hunt. Due to age of Allie, nine years, and the time needed to retrain a new handler, approximately one year, it was determined financially feasible to retire Allie now as her usefulness to the unit would not extend past ten to eleven years of age. Allie, a narcotic detection canine, was purchased at the age of three for \$7,500 in December of 2004 from K.I.D.S., Inc. Canine Allie's last day of service for the Sheriff's Department was March 10, 2010. There is no additional impact to the General Fund associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-210

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Grover

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

MOTION:

*Christine Ferraro*

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

Approval of the Agreement for the Sheriff to Retire One Canine from the Sheriff's Department  
Narcotics Canine Unit

**DISCUSSION:**

It has been the Department's practice to retire canines to their handlers when they reach an age or condition where they can no longer be of service. There is a need to retire one of the Sheriff's Departments current narcotics canines. Allie is a nine year old Golden Retriever breed who was evaluated to retire at age ten due to age and health concerns. Allie's current handler, Deputy Jeff Hunt, left service with Stanislaus County on March 11, 2010. A new handler for Allie would require a selection process, extensive training process and re-certification that would extend approximately one year. This would make Allie ten years old and she would need to be retired due to age and extended health issues. To extend Allie this added year would only be a burden of cost to the taxpayers.

The Sheriff's Department desires to retire canine Allie from law enforcement service and enter into a retirement contract with her current handler, Jeff Hunt, so the dog may live out her remaining years with the handler who has and will now continue to care for her. This item is being submitted to the Board of Supervisors to approve the contract necessary to implement this action.

**POLICY ISSUES:**

Approval of this action supports the Board of Supervisors' priorities of A safe community and Effective partnerships.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Captain Tim David, Administrative Division, (209) 525-7014..

## CANINE RETIREMENT CONTRACT

This AGREEMENT, made and entered into in the County of Stanislaus, State of California, this 26 day of March 2010, by and between the County of Stanislaus, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY", and Jeff Hunt, hereinafter referred to as "OWNER".

This AGREEMENT is made with regard to the following recitals which are part of this agreement:


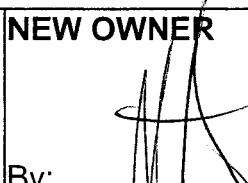
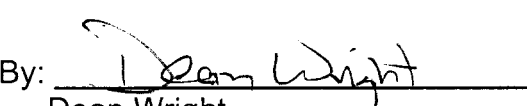
- A. OWNER wishes to assume ownership and take possession of that certain canine named Allie who is being retired from law enforcement service, described as a Female Golden Retriever breed.
  
- B. OWNER wishes to continue and maintain custody of the above-referenced dog, and COUNTY wishes to divest itself of both ownership and all liability for any and all damages caused by the subject dog.
  
- C. COUNTY does hereby agree to relinquish all of his right, title and ownership interest in said dog whatsoever, effective upon OWNER's execution and return of this document and payment of the sum of \$1.00 to the COUNTY.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of this AGREEMENT, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. OWNER does assume ownership of the canine named Allie, and any and all risks arising from actions of said dog, including, but not limited to, risk of injury or death to third persons, and to hold COUNTY harmless from any and all liability, claims, administrative proceedings or other responsibility whatsoever arising from any injuries or damages that may occur on or after the date ownership of the dog is transferred pursuant to this AGREEMENT. That date

is hereby fixed by agreement by and among the parties hereto as being  
March 26, 2010.

2. COUNTY further agrees to continue to be responsible for all liability for risks and dangers relating to the ownership of the subject canine before the aforementioned date, and to indemnify and hold OWNER harmless in the event that any legal or administrative action, whether by claim, demand or otherwise, is made by any person or entity as a consequence of or arising out of any event, act or disturbance involving the subject police dog before the date ownership is transferred from COUNTY to OWNER.
  
3. COUNTY acknowledges that he/she has read the foregoing AGREEMENT and understands each of its provisions, and agrees to all terms.

<b>STANISLAUS COUNTY</b> Department of SHERIFF  By:  Name: Adam Christianson Title: Sheriff-Coroner	<b>NEW OWNER</b>  By:  Name: Jeff Hunt Title: Retired Deputy
APPROVED AS TO FORM: John P. Doering County Counsel  By:  Dean Wright Deputy County Counsel	