



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: 10-12-2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Sheriff Bill Brown
Director(s)
Contact Info: Lt. Eric Koopmans x6162

SUBJECT: Sale of Retired Sheriff's Canine

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the retirement and transfer of ownership of Sheriff's canine, "Xalvo", to Deputy Al Lafferty for the sum of One Dollar.

Summary Text:

Canine "Xalvo" has served the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department for nearly six years. Xalvo has been assigned to his partner Deputy Al Lafferty during this entire time.

On September 8, 2010, Xalvo received a severe tooth injury during a training exercise. Xalvo's injury will require extensive dental surgery should he remain in service as a Patrol Service Dog. Although Xalvo's injury can be repaired and the canine could remain in service, the cost associated to repair the injury balanced with the estimated usefulness as a police dog does not make it financially responsible. Deputy Lafferty has asked to be reassigned out of canine duties and requested permission to purchase Xalvo. Deputy Lafferty will take on the responsibility for the care and treatment related to Xalvo's injury.

Background: The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department is responsible for the care and feeding of departmental canines. The Department is also liable for the actions of the canines. Once sold to the handler, these responsibilities rest with the new owner.

The handlers historically purchase retired canines. Deputy Lafferty has expressed an interest in purchasing Xalvo.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: No change in programs or service levels. Other existing canine units will cover the beat vacated by the retirement of Xalvo. Xalvo will be replaced by another canine as soon as the department secures donated funds to complete the purchase and training of a new canine. Until the replacement dog is received, some operational savings related to lower food purchase and veterinarian cost will be realized. The total savings will be less than \$1,000.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a copy of the minute order to the Sheriff's Department, Attn: Lt. Eric Koopmans

Attachments:

None

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