

Nueces County Sheriff's Office Interoffice Memorandum

To: LT. D. Simmons
From: Deputy M. Avila #9564
CC: Captain D. Alaniz
Date: May 21, 2013
Re: Deputy Jasmine

LT. Simmons,

I have kept you informed about Jasmine's degrading knee joint issues. I have even received a letter from her Veterinarian, David Shaffer, DVM, stating that on February 4, 2013, he believed her rear leg lameness was affecting her ability to do her duties. Jasmine is now 10 years old, having had a birthday in April. Her rear leg lameness has gotten to a point where I know it is seriously affecting her ability to even move around to do simple tasks such as go to the bathroom, or drink water.

During her off time with me at home, I still exercise her as much as she can take; by throwing her ball around the back yard. Yesterday, I noticed that her rear leg lameness has become more of an issue, as she is not as mobile as she was, even a month ago. I feel that it is time for Jasmine to be retired from duty so that she can enjoy her remaining years without needing to strain herself as she would on duty.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Avila #9564

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Darrel L. Ferris, D.V.M.

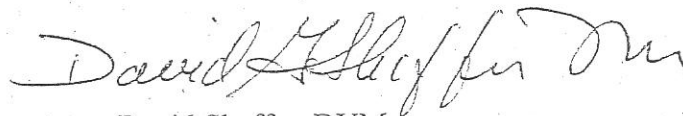
David G. Shaffer, D.V.M.

February 4, 2013

To whom it may concern,

In regards to Jasmin, a nine and a half year old Nueces County Narcotics Detection Dog, it is my opinion that she should be retired. Though she is in overall good health, her growing history of rear leg lameness issues is affecting her ability to do her duties.

Sincerely,



David Shaffer, DVM

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To: Ass. Chief D. Perez

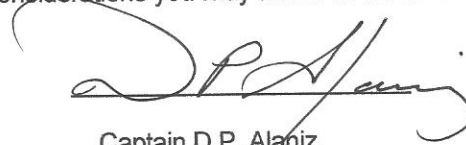
Section: Admin

From: Captain D.P. Alaniz

Section: Patrol

Subject: Request to retire Jasmine (K-9 Narcotics)

Chief, after receiving statements from Deputy A. Avila and the County Veterinarian Doctor David Shaffer in regards to Jasmine, I am requesting she be retired immediately. Because of Jasmine's severe physical ailments, she is no longer able to perform her duties and to keep her on the active list at this point would be detrimental to her health. Any considerations you may afford us would be greatly appreciated.



Captain D.P. Alaniz

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To: Capt. D. Alaniz

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From: Deputy M. Avila #9564

Date: 06-11-13

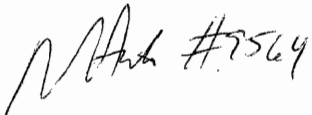
Re: Deputy Jasmine's Retirement

Capt. Alaniz,

Jasmine is due for retirement soon. As Jasmine's handler, I wish to express my interest in adopting Jasmine after she has been retired. Jasmine has become a part of my family and I feel it would be a great loss to me as a handler and to my family, to not be able to keep her in her later years.

I hope that I would be considered for the adoption of Deputy Jasmine.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Avila #9564', is written over the typed name.

Deputy M. Avila #9564