

RESOLUTION NO. 31886

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF  
K-9 GUNTHER AS A SERVICE DOG.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, that it is hereby authorizing the retirement of K-9 Gunther as a service dog.

- 1) Gunther is four and a half (4.5) years old with three (3) years of faithful police service. During his service he assisted in the recovery of 150 firearms, 5,200 rounds of ammunition, 154 shell casings, and 6 explosive devices.
- 2) In March 2023, a mass was removed from K-9 Gunther's right lumbar area. This mass was identified as an apocrine gland adenocarcinoma which is a malignant type of tumor. Although Gunther has been doing well since the removal of this mass, he requires ongoing monitoring every 3-6 months to ensure that this tumor has not metastasized to other areas of his body. Because of the malignant nature of Gunther's tumor, the veterinarian has advised that Gunther's projected lifespan has been dramatically decreased.
- 3) Due to Gunther's predicted lifespan being approximately 30 months and due to ongoing care and monitoring, Veterinarian Blair Cornman has recommended K-9 Gunther to be retired and placed in the care of his handler, Sgt. Sean O'Brien.
- 4) Gunther's handler and officer, Sgt. Sean O'Brien, understands the responsibility of Gunther's retirement.
- 5) Gunther's handler and officer, Sgt. Sean O'Brien, has asked to keep K-9 Gunther and is willing to accept all responsibilities for Gunther's future care such as medical, food, and housing.

ADOPTED: December 5, 2023

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