



State of New Hampshire

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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COMMISSIONER

April 7, 2018

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of State of Police to accept the donation of a Labrador Retriever. The animal is valued at approximately \$9,500.00 and meets the criteria for explosive ordinance detection. Effective upon Governor and Council approval.

Explanation

K2 Solutions, Inc. has donated a Labrador Retriever to the NH State Police to be used for explosive ordinance detection. The training and certification were provided by K2 Solutions. Upon completion of the training the animal failed the medical exam due to medial luxation of both patellas. The short term prognosis is excellent and may not be an issue in the long term. Due to the medical issue, the vendor has agreed to donate the animal to State Police at no charge. After evaluation by State Police, the Division feels that the animal will be a great asset and will not cost the Division any more than any of the other canines. The canine handler for this animal will be Trooper First Class Nicholas Cyr. Upon retirement, in most cases, the canines are relinquished to the handler to live out its years as a family pet.

The Canine Unit, within the Division of State Police, began in 1965 and currently consists of twenty four (24) canine teams. Canine handlers respond to calls for service across the State including search and rescue, narcotics detection, and apprehension of suspects wanted for serious crimes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sergeant Dade,

Thank you for sending Nick Cyr to course with us. We feel that Nick and Rennie will be a great team for years to come. Unfortunately, during Rennie's exit evaluation, our Veterinarian, Dr. Laura Diem, found Rennie to be a medical fail due to the diagnosis of medial luxation of both patellas. The short term prognosis is excellent and Rennie can have a long working life with the proper precautions taken by your agency. Rennie should be taking joint supplements and assessed annually. If clinical lameness is shown, please ensure that Rennie is checked sooner and medical precautions are taken. We are unable to provide medical guarantees due to the prognosis, but feel that Rennie will be a great asset to your team. There will be no financial payment due for Rennie to K2. We feel that the best option for both parties is to adopt Rennie out to New Hampshire State Police at no charge.

Please feel free to reach out to us at any time for any questions.

We hope to work with your agency in the future.

Respectfully,

Jordan Murray
Law Enforcement Operations Manager
K2 Solutions, Inc.