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## Memorandum

TO: Kenny Smith, City Manager  
FROM: Steven Heaton, Police Chief *SDH*  
DATE: October 20, 2015  
RE: Canine "Freddy"

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Please find attached to this memorandum a letter dated October 8, 2015 from Memorial Drive Veterinary Clinic. In the letter, Dr. Lori Stose explains the current health status of Canine Officer Freddy. Freddy has served with the Griffin Police Department for over six years. Dr. Stose states in her letter that based upon Freddy's current medical condition, she believes it is time for Freddy to retire from service.

Officer Colt Tolen has been Freddy's handler for just over three years. Officer Tolen has submitted a memorandum which is also attached to this memorandum, requesting he be allowed to keep Freddy after his retirement.

It is my recommendation that Freddy be allowed to retire and that the City Commission consider allowing his current handler to retain ownership of him. Thank you in advance for any favorable consideration to this request.

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