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To Whom It May Concern:

"Freddy," an 8 year old German Shepherd was seen today for skin and ear issues. "Freddy" is believed to have developed skin allergies/atopy which is a chronic usually progressive condition that causes recurrent skin and ear problems. "Freddy" can be treated and maintained with medications when he has flares in this condition but I feel like this may interfere with his ability to perform as a police dog. This condition can cause pain and malaise when infections occur and may distract him from his duties. Also "Freddy's" handler has described a gradual decline in his performance and stamina in the field. This breed is prone to arthritic conditions as well as spinal conditions that can lead to muscle weakness and issues with their back and legs. We may be seeing early signs of such diseases. I believe it may be in the best interest of "Freddy" and the department that he serves to retire him from active duty. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me at the above number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori L. Stose, DVM". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Lori L. Stose, DVM