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## Police K-9 Jack to Receive New Assignment

**Salisbury, North Carolina - October 28** – In response to numerous phone calls received today regarding Police K-9 officer “Jack” the Police Department issues the following statement:

Recently we have received numerous phone calls regarding Jack, our police dog. An article from an online blog is circulating about Jack, but the article includes a number of inaccuracies.

The Salisbury Police Department is very concerned about the well-being of its K-9 officers. Our K-9s provide a valuable service to our community and based on the article, we would have also been worried about Jack’s health.

Jack has not yet “aged out” and is not ready for retirement. He is in excellent condition and is expected to have another three to four years of service left. He is due to be reassigned to another K-9 officer by Friday of this week and will be serving the public again no later than six to eight weeks after he receives additional certification for his new handler. It is not uncommon for a police dog to be reassigned to another officer. Jack’s reassignment and subsequent training is the only reason he remains with the Police Department.

We would like to state unequivocally that Jack is receiving excellent care. He is being housed in the same type of kennel that is provided to all K-9 officers. He has the ability to get out of the elements whenever he desires. Jack is being properly attended to and is exercised frequently. He has been seen by a veterinarian and there is no sign of deteriorating muscle mass, separation anxiety or social isolation as stated in the article. Jack is excited to interact with his care givers who clean his kennel daily.

We are looking forward to Jack being back on the beat with a new assignment.

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