



COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

JIM SKINNER, SHERIFF

Date: June 27, 2024

To: Commissioners Court

From: Jim Skinner, Sheriff

Re: K9 OLEX RETIREMENT

In recognition of loyal and dedicated service to the Collin County Sheriff's Office, we announce the retirement of K9 Olex. Olex is 9 years old, and his start of service with CCSO was November 2018.

In 2019, Olex sustained a severe injury to his back leg. Olex received stem-cell therapy treatment that allowed him to return to full duty. In April 2024, Olex reinjured his back leg. The injury had worsened after further examination by CCSO vet, Dr. Wes Taylor. Dr. Taylor communicated to K9 handler, Reid Golson, that due to Olex' age and recurring injury, he would not make a full recovery. Dr. Taylor gave his professional opinion that Olex should be medically retired.

Olex has been integral to Collin County Sheriff's Office, Special Operations Bureau. His specialties include narcotics detection, tracking, area/building searches, criminal apprehension, and handler protection. His contributions will always be valued and remembered. Olex will be greatly missed.

The attached document is the contract for the retirement of Olex and adoption by canine handler, Investigator Reid Golson. Your approval and signature are requested.

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Investigator Reid Golson, with beloved Olex

