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Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: David O. Livingston, Sheriff-Coroner  
Date: October 20, 2020

Subject: Transfer of K-9 Service Dog Donna

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Sheriff-Coroner, or designee, to execute a contract with Sheriff's Sergeant Dale Hadley to pay the County \$1.00 for retired Sheriff's Service Dog "Donna" on October 9, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 18, 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved Board Resolution No. 2007/172, which authorized the transfer of ownership of retired police canine (K-9) service dogs to their respective handlers for minimal (\$1.00) consideration. Police dogs typically reach the end of their useful service lives around the age of 8 years. Although the approximate costs of purchasing a police dog (\$11,000) and training it (\$8,000) are substantial, the service received from these dogs is well worth the expenditure. However, upon their retirement from service, the dogs cease being a financial "asset" and instead become a continuous expense. By transferring ownership of the dog to its handler, all ongoing expenses are absorbed by the handler in exchange for his/her dog's companionship

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/20/2020** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: October 20, 2020

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: Sandra Brown,  
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cc:

in the sunset years of the dog's life.

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

On rare occasions, the K-9 handler is unable to accept ownership of his/her retired service dog. In these situations the Sheriff's Office seeks authorization to transfer ownership of retired K-9s to private citizens whom the Office of the Sheriff has determined to be suitable to accept the dog. In exchange for a minimal (\$1.00) consideration for the transfer of ownership, the new owner will assume all costs – food, shelter, veterinary, licensing, and liability – for the dog.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

### CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT: