

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-128
VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF CALEDONIA POLICE
DEPARTMENT K9 LOUIE AND THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF K9 LOUIE TO
OFFICER CORY RADKE**

The Village Board for the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, WI do resolve as follows:

WHEREAS In the Fall of 2016, Caledonia Police K9 Louie completed his training with Officer Cory Radke and K9 Louie began working as a dual-purpose K9 for the Village of Caledonia.

WHEREAS, K9 Louie has been a valuable member of the Police Department and provided over 8 years of dedicated service performing a variety of tasks including drug detection, tracking, apprehensions, public relations, etc.

WHEREAS, K9 Louie is 10 years old, and given the rigors associated with his work as a police K9, he has reached the end of his service life.

WHEREAS, K9 Louie currently has an injury creating right hindlimb lameness, and he has been diagnosed with “insufficiency of the calcaneal tendon complex,” which refers to a condition where the Achilles tendon, also known as the calcaneal tendon, is not functioning properly due to weakness, damage, or degeneration.

WHEREAS, Surgery is not recommended, but he has been fitted for a brace for his right hindleg.

WHEREAS, It has been determined that it is in the best interests of the Department and K9 Louie to retire him from police service.

WHEREAS, throughout his lifetime, K9 Louie has been in the care of Officer Cory Radke, and Officer Radke was required to kennel K9 Louie at his personal residence and provide proper maintenance and care to K-9 Louie at all times.

WHEREAS, Given the strong lifetime bond between a K9 and their handler, upon the retirement of K9 Louie, ownership of K9 Louie should be transferred to Officer Radke subject to the terms outlined in the attached Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Caledonia, K9 Louie will retire from service effective January 6, 2025 and ownership of K9 Louie will be transferred from the Village of Caledonia to Officer Cory Radke subject to the terms in the attached Memorandum of Understanding.

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin, this 10 day of December 2024.

VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

By: Thomas R Weatherston
Thomas Weatherston
Village President

Attest: Jennifer Bass
Jennifer Bass
Village Clerk

**MEMORADNUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA AND OFFICER CORY RADKE
REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF K9 LOUIE**

1. In the Fall of 2016, after successfully completing K9 handler training with K9 Louie, Officer Cory Radke was officially appointed to the position of K9 Handler with the Village of Caledonia Police Department (Department).
2. As part of the duties of the above appointment, Officer Radke was required to kennel K9 Louie at his personal residence and provide proper maintenance and care to K-9 Louie at all times.
3. Due to the above responsibilities, Officer Radke received additional compensation for care and maintenance of K9 Louie.
4. During the course of K9 Louie's service to Caledonia, veterinary services and food were provided at no personal cost to Officer Radke.
5. In consultation with veterinary doctors, it was determined that it was in the best interests of the Department and K9 Louie to retire him from police service.
6. K9 Louie will retire on 01-06-25.
7. The Department prepared a resolution for Caledonia Village Board approval transferring the ownership of K9 Louie from the Village of Caledonia to Officer Cory Radke.
8. Officer Radke is fully aware of the nature of the training K9 Louie received and the nature of the work that K9 Louie performed during the period of ownership by the Village of Caledonia, and he understands the need to provide K9 Louie with suitable shelter and reasonable surroundings in keeping with Louie's training and work experience.
9. Following this transfer of property the undersigned parties agree the Department will disburse a limited amount of funds, on an annual basis, to Officer Radke for continued care and maintenance of K9 Louie. (Annual Payment)
10. These funds will be disbursed annually for the remainder of K9 Louie's lifetime in accordance with the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding.
11. Said funds will come solely from donations made to the Caledonia Police Department's K9 Donation Fund.
12. The undersigned parties understand and agree that in the event the Department's K9 fund does not have sufficient monies to make the annual expenditure, no payment will be made to Officer Radke.
13. The undersigned parties understand and agree this Memorandum of Understanding does not create an obligation on the part of the Department to solicit donations solely for the purpose of the annual payment.
14. The undersigned parties understand and agree that under no circumstances will the annual payment be made from the Department's general funds.
15. The undersigned parties understand and agree that Officer Radke assumes responsibility for all future costs, responsibilities, and liabilities connected to K-9 Louie.

16. In consideration of the above, the Department agrees to annually disburse one thousand dollar (\$1,000) to Cory Radke in accordance with the terms above stated. The one


thousand dollar (\$1,000) disbursement will occur on the first full pay period for January of each year following his retirement.

REPRESENTING THE VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA,


Village Administrator Todd Willis

12/12/2024
Date

REPRESENTING Cory Radke,


Cory Radke 7105

12/11/24
Date