

RESOLUTION 16-172

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP
OF K-9 DRUG DOG DONATED IN 2013 TO HANDLER**

WHEREAS, the Spring Hill Police Department was donated a drug dog, "Shady", in 2013; and

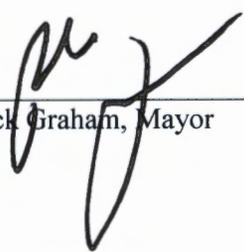
WHEREAS, the handler, Keith Bennett, is employed by the Spring Hill Police Department; and

WHEREAS, due to the veterinarian diagnosis, the dog is no longer able to perform her duties as K-9; and

WHEREAS, the Spring Hill Police Department requests that ownership of Shady be transferred to Keith Bennett, who shall take possession, and assume all responsibility, liability and costs to maintain.

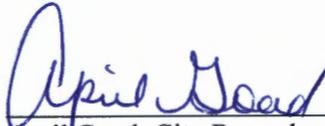
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Spring Hill authorizes the transfer of ownership of Shady to Officer Keith Bennett as stated above.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee on the 21st day of December, 2016.



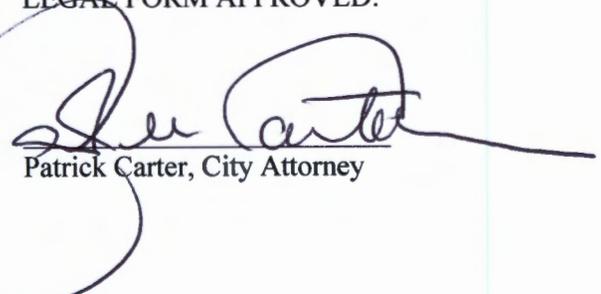
Rick Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



April Goad, City Recorder

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:



Patrick Carter, City Attorney



**City of Spring Hill
Budget and Finance Committee
Purchase Evaluation Form**

Department: Police

Presented By: Don Brite, Chief of Police

Date: December 5th, 2016

Department Budget Status:

- I. Purpose/Overview:** To retire Shady, present K-9, due to health reasons. If approved, Officer Keith Bennet, k-9 handler, will become her owner.

- II. Background Information:** Our present K-9, Shady, was donated to SHPD by the Maury Co. Sheriff's Department in 2013. Shady was used by their department and then given to us. She has worked as K-9 for three years in Spring Hill, and unfortunately has developed Hip Dysplasia. Dr. Zavaro has diagnosed her, and for her health, it is recommended she be retired.

- III. Financial Impact to Budget:** None, Officer Keith Bennet will take possession of her and assume all responsibility for her, see waiver of liability.

- IV. Alternative Options:** Find responsible person to take her in and provide for her.

- V. Staff Recommendations:** Due to health reasons, Shady will be retired. I recommend that she be turned over to her present handler, Keith Bennett, who is willing to care for her and take full responsibility for her welfare.



DON BRITE
Chief of Police

JASON FOGLE
Deputy Chief of Police

Waiver of Liability Form

In consideration of the transfer of ownership of canine, Shady, hereinafter referred to as the "Canine", from the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee, to Keith Bennett, the undersigned, the undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges the City of Spring Hill, Spring Hill Police Department, the Chief of the Spring Hill Police Department, their agents, employees, heirs, and assigns from any and all injury, disability, loss, destruction, or mishap that may occur to the undersigned or other individuals in connection with the "Canine".

The undersigned accepts full responsibility and furthermore agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Spring Hill, Spring Hill Police Department, the Chief of the Spring Hill Police Department, and their agents, employees, heirs, and assigns for any injury or damage to any person or property that may occur or be caused by the "Canine" after the transfer of ownership, which is effective as of the date listed below.

The undersigned is fully aware of the nature of the training the "Canine" received and the nature of the work that the "Canine" was to perform during the time of ownership by the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee, and understands the need to provide the "Canine" with suitable shelter and reasonable surroundings in keeping with its training and work experience, as well as all maintenance and veterinary costs.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, THE PARTIES have hereunto set their hand(s) this

30th day of November, 2016.

In Presence of:

Keith Bennett

Keith Bennett, undersigned.

Don Brite

Don Brite, Chief of Police

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To Whom It May Concern:

Shady, a 7 year old female spayed black Labrador Retriever, was presented to Healthy Petz Veterinary Hospital LLC, on 8/17/16 for a rear limb lameness. Her handler explained that she was having a hard time walking and getting up and down. She did not walk with a limp in the clinic but her rear legs have a valgus deformity bilaterally. Orthopedic examination revealed mild right knee pain and a positive Ortilani sign on right hip. The orthopedic exam of her left rear leg was normal. She has an old lesion over the medial metatarsals of her left limb but no pain is elicited.

A positive Ortilani sign reveals that there is laxity in the hip joint. Radiographs may help determine her long term prognosis. Currently we know her right hip is her main problem and will most likely cause the need for long term medications. Hip dysplasia and arthritis may be the cause but without radiographs I cannot definitively diagnose her problem.

Hip dysplasia with concurrent arthritis can be managed medically with joint supplements, Adequan injections and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications. All of the treatments listed will help relieve inflammation and pain in her hip joints but will not stop the progression of arthritis. She responded well to non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications but started having issues soon after they were discontinued.

Due to her clinical signs, I am concerned about her longevity as a working dog. She also has a valgus deformity which makes her rear legs point outward when walking, which changes the angles of her hip joint and compounds her orthopedic problems. I recommend that she be placed into retirement in the near future. She has been a great patient and a wonderful public servant. I am thankful for her work.

Respectfully,

John Zavaro, DVM