

## RETIRED K-9 POLICIES

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Agency:	Policy
1. Fremont PD	Sells dog for \$1 and eliminate fiscal responsibility upon retirement.
2. San Pablo PD	Gives dog to handler; no further responsibilities upon retirement.
3. Los Gatos-Monte Sereno PD	Sells dog for \$1 to handler at the end of their usefulness..."dogs don't retire."
4. Napa PD	Sells dog to handler for \$1. Dog becomes pet.
5. Roseville PD	Gives dog to handler, with short contract releasing City of liability and expenses.
6. Chula Vista PD	Upon retirement, handler assumes ownership of dog and accepts responsibility for food, shelter, medical, etc.
7. Oakdale PD	Dog is declared surplus at the end of their career; sold to handler for \$1.
8. Corona PD	Dog is sold to handler upon retirement for \$1.
9. Simi Valley PD	Upon retirement, the dog is offered for sale to the handler for a one-time cost of \$1. If the handler does not wish to purchase the dog, the canine is destroyed at City expense. Retired canines cannot be purchased by anyone other than the handler. At the time of purchase, the handler assumes full responsibility and liability for the canine. As a retirement benefit, the City pays the handler \$500/annually for maintenance of the dog. The money is allocated for food and veterinary costs. The \$500 is made in arrears on July 1 of each year. The amount of payment is prorated based upon the dog's actual retirement date and/or date of death. The retirement benefit for the dog is terminated when the handler leaves the employment of the City, or when the canine dies.
10. Santa Ana PD	No existing retirement benefit policies, however, the Orange County Police K-9 Association (non-profit, citizen based) does assist with up to \$1,000 in medical expense reimbursement during the retired life of the dog.

11. Modesto PD  
No benefits; handler purchases dog for \$1. By membership, handlers who belong the Modesto K-9 Association are entitled to a one-time \$1000 allotment for medical expenses.
12. Sacramento PD  
Sell canine back to handler at a depreciation rate of 20% annually. At five and subsequent years, dog is sold for \$1. The non-profit/volunteer Sacramento Police K-9 Association then absorbs costs of food, veterinarian, and burial expenses.
13. Long Beach PD  
Dog is actually owned by civilian K-9 association, and all costs are borne by them, except for on-duty related injuries which the City covers. Canine is given to officer following 5-years of service. Should handler leave prior to end of service, the dog is sold at prorated amount.
14. Atherton PD  
All food and veterinarian bills are paid by the POA; dog is sold to handler for \$1.
15. Fresno PD  
Canine is given to handler (by municipal code authority) at end of career. No policy or funding available to handler afterward.