



Canine Ownership Transfer Agreement

This AGREEMENT made and entered into in the County of Nevada, State of California, this March 24, 2026, by and between Nevada County, a county of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY", and the Nevada County Sheriff's Office, a law enforcement agency with the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "Nevada County Sheriff" for the purpose of Canine Ownership Transfer for K9 Officer Riggs who has served his time providing dedicated service to the Nevada County Sheriff Team.

This AGREEMENT is made with regard to the following recitals:

- A. Kayla Ramos, a current employee of the Nevada County Sheriff and familiar canine handler of the subject K9, Riggs, wishes to assume ownership, take possession, and provide a more relaxed lifestyle of Nevada County Sheriff canine named Riggs.
- B. Kayla Ramos wishes to assume ownership of the above-referenced dog, and the COUNTY wishes to divest itself of both ownership and indirect or direct liability for the subject dog.
- C. COUNTY does hereby agree to relinquish all its right, title, health records and ownership interest in said dog whatsoever, effective upon March 24, 2026, execution and return of this document and transfer of ownership payment in the amount of one and no/100th dollars (\$1.00) to the County of Nevada.
- D. The undersigned is fully aware of the nature of the training that K9 Riggs has received and the nature of the work that he performed during the period of ownership by the County, and understands the need to provide him with suitable shelter and reasonable surroundings in keeping with its training and work experience.
- E. The undersigned acknowledge that K9 Riggs has been trained and utilized in a law enforcement capacity, which may include handler protection and/or bite training. Because of such training and work experience, unless properly handled and housed, Riggs is potentially dangerous and may cause serious bodily harm.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of this AGREEMENT, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Kayla Ramos does agree to assume ownership of the Nevada County Sheriff canine Riggs, and to assume any and all risks, including, but not limited to, risk of injury or death to third persons, and to hold COUNTY, its Sheriff's Office, and its employees and/or agents or volunteers harmless from any and all liability, claims, administrative proceedings, injuries or damages that may occur on or after the date ownership of the dog is transferred pursuant to this AGREEMENT. That date is hereby fixed by agreement by and among the parties hereto as being March 24, 2026.

2. Kayla Ramos further agrees to assume all liability for risks and dangers relating to her ownership of the subject dog on and after the aforementioned date, and to indemnify and hold COUNTY harmless in the event that any legal or administrative action, whether by claim, demand or otherwise, is made by any person or entity as a consequence of or arising out of any event, act or disturbance involving the subject dog on or after the date ownership is transferred. These hold harmless provisions shall extend to any direct or indirect liability arising from any and all losses, liabilities, charges (including reasonable attorney fees and court costs), and any other expenses whatsoever which may arise in any manner after the new owner's assumption of ownership on the date identified herein.

3. Kayla Ramos assumes all pet ownership responsibilities including but not limited to, veterinary health management, proper nutrition, exercise and mental stimulation, comfortable living environment, retirement transition plan and all legal and administrative considerations such as, update any documentation to define legal ownership of the retired K9 including updating licensing and microchip information, to reflect the new owner and retired status.

4. Kayla Ramos acknowledges that she has read the foregoing AGREEMENT and understands that it is contractual in nature and understands each of its provisions.

5. Upon Board approval, Riggs shall be officially declared retired from his dedicated years of service and will no longer serve as a K-9 Officer for the Nevada County Sheriff, Kayla Ramos assumes all responsibility for the condition and care of Riggs. The County makes no commitments concerning the physical or mental health of Riggs. Kayla Ramos canine ownership of Riggs is strictly "as is".

NEW OWNER

Signed: Kayla Ramos

Date Signed

NEVADA COUNTY
SHANNAN MOON
SHERIFF-CORONER-PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

Date Signed