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2026/1172 - Historical Records of Police Service Dog Deaths

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. Historical period covered
This request covers the complete historical period of canine service within your organisation, from the earliest records held through to and including the date this request is received.
We are not restricting our request to a particular decade, operational period, computerised record system or date range.
This includes:
• All historical periods during which your organisation has operated police dogs.
• Records inherited from predecessor constabularies, merged police forces or former canine departments, where held.
• Historical, archived, paper-based and electronic records.
• Records held in off-site archives or by another organisation on your behalf.
• Records of dogs who served during earlier periods but whose deaths were recorded or reported in later years.
For clarity, there is no minimum historical starting date or cut-off year. We seek the earliest available records, however far back they extend.
2. Information requested for each dog
For every dog whose death is recorded by your organisation, we request the following information where held:
1. Dog's name: Operational name, registered name and identification or service number, where recorded.
2. Date of death: Full date (day, month and year), or the most precise date available.
3. Cause of death: The recorded medical condition, injury, illness, accident, euthanasia reason or other circumstances associated with the death, where available.
4. Service status: Whether the dog was serving, in training, operational, withdrawn from duty or retired at the time of death, or failed to meet standards and not licenced.
5. Service dates: Date of entry into service and date of retirement, discharge or withdrawal, where held.
6. Specialist role: General-purpose, search, detection, firearms support or other recorded canine discipline.
7. Force or unit: The police force or canine unit with which the dog served.

We would welcome incomplete records where only the dog's name, year of death or partial information survives.

3. Inclusion of all death classifications

We specifically request that records are not limited to dogs classified as having been killed on duty, killed in action or killed in the line of duty.

The request includes all recorded deaths, irrespective of the location, circumstances or administrative classification, including:

- **Natural causes and age-related conditions.**
- **Illness, disease and medical complications.**
- **Euthanasia for medical, behavioural or welfare reasons.**
- **Accidental deaths, including those occurring off duty.**
- **Deaths during training, exercises, transport or kennel accommodation.**
- **Deaths occurring during operational duties.**
- **Deaths following injuries or illnesses sustained during service, including where death occurred later.**
- **Deaths of dogs withdrawn from service or awaiting retirement.**
- **Deaths following retirement or rehoming, where subsequently reported to or recorded by the force.**

For the avoidance of doubt, the request concerns all recorded canine deaths and is not restricted to operational fatalities, officially recognised service casualties or dogs that remained the property of the force at the time of death.

4. Historical and archived records

We recognise that historical record-keeping arrangements have changed considerably and that some older information may no longer survive.

We therefore request that relevant existing records are considered regardless of their original purpose or format, including canine registers, service histories, veterinary records, death notifications, casualty reports, retirement registers, memorial records and archived departmental records.

We are not requesting complete veterinary files, personal information about handlers or sensitive operational material.

Where existing records contain only limited information, we would welcome the information that remains available.

5. Availability and completeness of records

To help us understand the historical coverage of your response, please also provide, where recorded:

- **The earliest and latest dates covered by the relevant canine records held.**
- **Any documented gaps in the historical records.**
- **Whether relevant historical records are retained separately from current operational systems.**
- **Any existing records retention schedules or policies covering canine service and death records.**

If information is not held for certain historical periods, we would appreciate this being distinguished from periods where records exist but no canine deaths were recorded.

6. Information that cannot be released

We fully appreciate that operational, personal or confidential information may require protection.

Where individual details are exempt from disclosure, we respectfully request consideration of releasing the remaining non-exempt information, particularly the dog's name, service dates and date of death.

We are not seeking personal details relating to handlers, owners, veterinary professionals or their families.

7. Cost limits and assistance

We appreciate that the historical scope of this request may be substantial.

Should the request exceed the applicable statutory cost limit, we would welcome advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding how it could be refined.
In particular, we would appreciate clarification of which historical periods and categories of records are held and which elements could be provided within the applicable limit.
We would be happy to consider a staged approach, prioritising dog names and dates of death, followed by causes of death and additional service information, without abandoning the wider historical research objective.
8. Purpose of the request
Hero Paws is committed to honouring the service of working dogs, both during their operational careers and throughout their retirement.
Some died in extraordinary circumstances. Others passed quietly following years of dedicated service and, where fortunate, a peaceful retirement.
Regardless of how or when their lives ended, we believe their service deserves recognition.
This research is not intended to investigate individual officers, challenge operational decisions or assign responsibility for deaths. It is an undertaking of historical preservation and remembrance.

Much of the information requested is not held. We have provided below what is recorded.

JOB CODE	Dogs Name	Date of Death	Cause of Death	Current Service Status	Service Status at Time of Death	Service Start Date	Service End Date	Specialist Role	Force / Unit
P192	DOG - TYSON								
P193	DOG - VOS								
P194	DOG - HEX							General Purpose	
P195	DOG - SAM								
P196	DOG - MITCH							General Purpose	
P197	DOG - RILLEY								
P198	DOG - FIONA							General Purpose	
P199	DOG - ZAK							General Purpose	
P200	DOG - TUKO							General Purpose	

P201	DOG - GEORGE							Specialist - Detection	
P202	DOG - BEASLEY							Specialist - Detection	
P203	DOG - TJ								
P204	DOG - MOLLEY								
P211	DOG - HEKTOR								
P229	DOG - OTIS							Specialist - Detection	
P230	DOG - DOUGIE							General Purpose	
P231	DOG - ENZO							General Purpose	
P242	DOG ANNIE								
P243	DOG WILLIS								
P262	DOG AXE							General Purpose	
P267	DOG VADER								
P268	DOG JET							Specialist - Detection	
P275	DOG TITAN								
P305	DOG BRUCE							General Purpose	
P314	DOG DIESEL							Specialist - Detection	
P315	DOG LUNA							Specialist - Detection	
P345	DOG SCOTTY							Specialist - Detection	

P346	DOG SEREN							Specialist - Detection	
P366	DOG - MIKKO					13/03/2017		General Purpose	
P390	DOG - BUSTER								
P399	DOG BLUE					26/09/2017			
P410	DOG BORIS					08/03/2018			
P449	DOG - MENPHASIS								
P450	DOG - MAX								
P455	DOG - CHAOS								
P462	DOG - LUNA (SP)								
P466	DOG - HAWK								
P490	DOG BRYN					30/05/2019		Specialist - Detection	
P494	DOG KEO	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A		N/A	Specialist - Detection	
P513	DOG - THOR								
P541	DOG - KAIA								
P554	DOG - SONNY	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A	28/07/2020	N/A		
P556	DOG - HOLY								
P560	DOG - KODA	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A		N/A		
P581	DOG - GAS								
P582	DOG - AXEL								
P583	DOG - AMSTEL					30/11/2020			
P594	DOG - ARLO	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A		N/A		
P595	DOG BANDIT					27/03/2021			

P625	DOG - COLT					24/06/2021			
P635	DOG LOUIE								
P636	DOG GUINESS								
P669	DOG FLO	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A	01/02/2022	N/A		
P670	DOG JURA								
P671	DOG SKYE								
P689	DOG MALI								
P707	DOG - JAEGER								
P728	DOG - POLLY	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A		N/A		
P729	DOG - REGGIE								
P771	PD ZERO								
P784	DOG - VEGA	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A		N/A		
P789	DOG - MAVERICK								
P790	DOG - KRATOS								
P855	PD KARMA								
P907	PD JORDIE	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A		N/A		
P908	PD BODHI	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A		N/A		
P909	PD WATSON	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A		N/A		
P910	PD TAG	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A		N/A		
P915	PD MISSY								
P916	PD HUW								
P917	PD KIO								
P961	PD NORBUT								
P963	PD SVEN	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A		N/A		
P989	PD MICKY								
P998	PD HAMILTON	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A		N/A		

126P	PD MENAI	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A	20/10/2025	N/A		
135P	PD ARNE	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A	20/11/2025	N/A		
152P	PD GOOSE								
153P	PD REGGIE								
154P	PD HANK								
155P	PD COMMET	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A	20/01/2026	N/A		
162P	PD LUNA	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A	26/01/2026	N/A		
163P	PD KILO	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A	27/01/2026	N/A		
223P	PD MINA	N/A	N/A	Operational	N/A	21/09/2026	N/A		
232P	PD - SPOOKY	N/A	N/A	Failed to meet standards and not licensed	N/A		N/A	N/A	
233P	PD - ENZO	N/A	N/A	Failed to meet standards and not licensed	N/A		N/A	N/A	
236P	PD - ARDES	N/A	N/A	Failed to meet standards and not licensed	N/A		N/A	N/A	
237P	PD - KAIZER	N/A	N/A	Failed to meet standards and not licensed	N/A		N/A	N/A	

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 11/11/2026