



## Tigard Police Department Media Release

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### **Retired Tigard Police K-9 Baxter Passes Away**

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of retired Tigard Police K-9 Baxter. He died peacefully at 10:00am this morning with his favorite Kong toy still in his mouth, surrounded by loved ones. Baxter served Tigard Police faithfully for eight years and transitioned to a beloved pet with his handler Sergeant Odam and his family.

Baxter served with distinction. He worked with Officer Jackson from 2007–2010, and then with Sgt. Odam from 2010 until retiring in July of 2016. During his tenure, he was directly responsible for over 100 captures and he assisted with locating over 100 more. He also tracked for several missing persons, as well as located numerous articles of evidence.

Baxter was a “very active partner - on his feet all the time.” For his ten-hour shift, “he was always on.” When Sgt. Odam responded to a call on the radio and spoke into the microphone, Baxter would start to “bellow,” announcing to all of the officers on duty that he was ready for work. “That's how much of a drive he had.”

When he retired, Baxter readily transitioned to life as a “normal house dog” at the Odam residence. He may never have been a cuddler or let people pet his tummy, but he loved playing with the kids and was fully involved in whatever they were doing.

Throughout his twelve years with us, he touched many people and lived a meaningful life as a working dog and family pet. We will always consider him part of our family and grieve his passing.



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