



Press Release

It is with deep regret that the Redondo Beach Police Department announce the passing of Officer Ken Greenleaf's canine partner and companion, Valor. Valor was just 5 years old when he succumbed to a deadly and incurable kidney disease

Valor was born "Rojben" in Czechoslovakia in October of 2004. He was appointed to the Redondo Beach Police Department's Canine Team on February 6, 2006 and renamed "Valor" by his handler. During his short tenure with the Police Department he was responsible for locating innumerable amounts of illegal narcotics, seizing well over \$100,000.00 in cash and property and apprehending dozens of criminal suspects. On one occasion Valor was stabbed and seriously injured when he apprehended and most likely saved the life of a dangerous subject who was trying to get officers to kill him.

Even more amazing was Valor's accomplishment in competition. In just 3 ½ short years, Off. Greenleaf and Valor competed in numerous canine skills competitions and earned seven Trial Championships, a Narcotics Championship and four Gold Medals at the World Police and Fire Games held in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Not only was Valor an incredibly skilled working canine, he was a good friend to the community. Valor was known for his pleasant disposition and friendliness to everyone that approached him. Valor could often be found greeting the children on the Police Department's Santa's sleigh as it wound its way through the streets of Redondo Beach at Christmas time.

Valor was a good friend and partner, and will be sorely missed by Ken and the rest of our family.

Any comments or questions relative to Valor or the Canine Team can be referred to Lieutenant Todd Heywood, the Unit Manager at (310) 379-2477, ext. 2656. Donations to the Canine Team should be forwarded to the Redondo Beach Police Canine Donation fund, in care of Lieutenant Todd Heywood, Redondo Beach Police Department, 401 Diamond St., Redondo Beach, CA 90277.