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This Saturday, long-time Eureka Police Department K-9, Officer "Vex" Loups du Soleil (Wolves of the Sun), will retire after nearly 9 years of distinguished service to his community. A Belgian Malinois/Belgian Shepherd, Vex was born on March 21, 2008.

Vex was appointed as a Patrol K-9 on July 28th, 2010. He and his human partner, Sergeant Leonard LaFrance, have shared many adventures through the years (Vex once fell through a ceiling during a building search for a burglary suspect). During this time, Vex had 754 deployments and assisted in 146 arrests with a 94% surrender rate.

A couple of interesting facts about Vex:

- Vex is bilingual. He speaks (responds to commands in) both German and English.
- He can run 30-35 miles per hour (you can run but you'll only get bit tired).
- He is 11 years old which is equal to 77 in human years!

A retirement ceremony was held for Officer Vex this morning at the Eureka Police Department where he was presented with a plaque in recognition of his service along with (more importantly to him) doggy treats and chew toys. Happy trails Vex!

The Eureka Police Department would like to thank many who played a role in Vex's career: HumDog, Sunny Brae Animal Clinic, Boarding and Grooming by Linn, Georgia K9, Ramsey K9 Services, Michael Ellis School for Dogs, Canine Behavior & Training Solutions, Sgt. Kay Howden (retired), Bryan Franco, and Kris Mechals. A special thank you to Sgt. LaFrance and his family for loving Vex and making him a member of their family.

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