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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been Paco, TPD's working K9, primary care veterinarian for the last several years. He has been a joy to work with and care for during that time. Paco has never given any concern to myself or my workers as to being a bite hazard. He has always allowed unrestrained examinations and treatments to be performed within reason.

I was shocked and saddened to hear of his recent incident with his handler Officer Tutor. Officer Tutor has always been proud to share stories of Paco's accomplishments in his working career. For Paco to suddenly turn on his handler is incredibly concerning. My understanding is that Paco would not release when directed after the initial bite.

Due to Paco's sudden turn of unpredictable behavior, I believe he is a danger to his handler and the community. Paco's prey nature and training also make it impossible to rehome him or retire him for fear that he would act out again in a violent manner.

I am heartbroken to recommend that K9 Paco be humanely euthanized as soon as possible. If Paco is kenneled for a significant period of time without being able to work, it will likely result in new or worsening aggressive behaviors.

Respectfully,

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