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Zionsville Police Department K9 Eso passes away

Zionsville Police Department K9 Eso passed away on Sunday, April 22 after suffering from multi-organ failure. According to Eso's handler, Sergeant Brad Kiefer, over the weekend Eso became ill and experienced seizures. He was euthanized Sunday night surrounded by Sergeant Kiefer and his children.

The 7-year-old Czechoslovakian Shepherd served the agency since 2013 with two handlers: Officer Wayde Knox, who moved to another agency out of state, and Sergeant Brad Kiefer. He began retirement in June 2017 due to increasing health concerns.

The department purchased Eso from Vohne Liche Kennels in Denver, Indiana. As a dual purpose K9, Eso's specialties included handler protection, tracking and narcotics detection.

Zionsville Police Department currently has two other K9 in service: Jelka and Thor, both purchased from Vohne Liche Kennels.

Eso was a great addition to the agency," said Chief Knox. "Unfortunately, he got sick and had to retire. I feel terrible for Sergeant Kiefer and his family because they have had to say goodbye to a beloved pet. And most of us know that is never easy. Eso was an outstanding partner to Sergeant Kiefer and Officer Wayde Knox while he served with the agency."

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