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INJURED K9 GOES HOME

WAKE FOREST, NC – April 15, 2011 – Maverick, the Wake Forest Police K9 injured March 24 during the pursuit of a felony suspect, is home and continuing to show signs of improvement.

According to Maverick's handler, Officer D. Hess, the K9 is home recuperating following his release last week from the Intermediate Care Ward at N.C. State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Doctors have placed Maverick in a sling that supports his weight and is an important part of the rehabilitation process designed to enable him to stand. He is now able to eat and drink on his own.



Over the next several weeks Maverick is scheduled to undergo extensive out-patient rehabilitation with a canine orthopedic specialist that will eventually allow him to stand and walk without support.

Maverick, a Belgian Malinois, is nine years old. A member of the Wake Forest Police Department since 2004, he is scheduled to retire in October.

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