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INJURED K9 MAY GO HOME THIS WEEK

WAKE FOREST, NC – March 28, 2011 – Wake Forest police officials say they are “cautiously optimistic” the K9 injured during last Thursday’s pursuit of a suspect can go home this week.

The Wake Forest Police Department released a photo of the K9, Maverick, on Monday.

Maverick is able to drink water through a syringe and eat some by hand. He has also been able to stand for a few minutes with support.

Maverick was injured when he was struck by a police vehicle while pursuing a felony suspect. He had emergency surgery at N.C. State University's College of Veterinary Medicine where he remains in critical but stable condition.



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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