

# **FAVORITE HOOVER DOG A VICTIM OF STRAIN**

## **Responsibilities of His Position Thought Primary Cause of King Tut's Death.**

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WASHINGTON, June 4.—King Tut, a big 8-year-old Belgian police dog, which was one of President Hoover's favorite pets, is dead. Reared from a puppy by the President and Mrs. Hoover, he was a devoted member of the family, and a photograph of the President taken with the dog is regarded as one of the happiest pictures ever made of the Executive.

King Tut died more than six months ago, but his demise was only publicly learned today. It was known that nearly a year ago he became irritable and ill-tempered at the White House and he was sent back to the familiar surroundings of the Hoovers' S Street home. There he was regarded to be well and happy with the family of Senator Walcott of Connecticut, but today it was disclosed that Tut had gradually faded away.

What changed the dog's character is not definitely known, but it is believed that the responsibility he assumed of nightly patrolling the south grounds of the White House told upon him and that he disliked the fact that other dogs were added to the White House kennels. He was very serious about his patrol work, refusing to play and sleeping much too little. He grew thinner and became more nervous, after a time refusing to permit any one in the grounds except President and Mrs. Hoover or some one in a policeman's uniform.

Pat, a three-quarters grown police dog, has been given to the President to take King Tut's place, but it is thought doubtful if he will ever fill the position of the older dog in the family's affections.

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