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Tooele County Council Agenda Item Summary

Department Making Request:

Sherriff

Meeting Date:

Dec 7

Item Title:

Memorandum of Understanding with Tooele Veterinary Clinic to Assist the Stray & Unwanted Animals

Summary:

The county has contracted with Tooele Veterinary Clinic & Happy Trails at Pegasus to vaccinate, microchip, and spray or neuter animals so they are adoptable. The county will cover those costs up to 10 days and the clinic and Happy Trails will do the rest.

This looks to be an ongoing agreement.

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Clerk

Sherriff

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), dated Dec 7, 2021, by and between Tooele County, Tooele Veterinary Clinic and Happy Tails at Pegasus outlines a cooperative and coordinated agreement to assist the stray and unwanted animals of Tooele County to find permanent homes when possible. Many of the animals that end up in the Tooele County Shelter are never claimed but are adoptable. However, many animals are also unaltered and it is not known if they have been properly vaccinated. It is the desire of Tooele County that any animals being rehomed should be properly vaccinated, microchipped and spayed or neutered. Based on this desire, the parties agree to the following:

Tooele County has previously contracted with Tooele Veterinary Clinic to provide shelter services for stray and at-large animals within Tooele County, Utah. As part of the shelter service, it is the desire of Tooele County to assist Tooele Veterinary Clinic and Happy Tails at Pegasus in rehoming as many adoptable animals as possible. As a condition of rehoming animals, it is the County's desire that each animal be properly vaccinated and altered prior to being returned to the general public. Tooele County agrees to pay for worming and vaccinations of animals that are deemed adoptable by Tooele Veterinary Clinic. Vaccinations shall include rabies, DHLPP for dogs, and FVRCP for cats.

Tooele Veterinary Clinic will continue to hold stray and at-large animals for the statutorily required period and will contact Happy Tails at Pegasus following the stray hold period, when it has determined an animal is adoptable. Tooele County will pay for up to ten days total at the shelter giving Happy Tails at Pegasus sufficient time (five days) to take possession of the adoptable animal. Tooele Veterinary Clinic has the sole discretion to determine if an animal is adoptable if there are any concerns for the safety of the public regarding any particular animal. Tooele Veterinary Clinic will worm and vaccinate all animals released to Happy Tails at Pegasus prior to release and provide appropriate documentation of said vaccinations. The terms of the contract between Tooele County and Tooele

Veterinary Clinic to provide shelter services that do not conflict with this agreement shall remain unchanged by this Memorandum.

Happy Tails at Pegasus may determine if it can take possession of the adoptable animals for the purposes of rehoming the animal either directly, or in conjunction with other rescue and placement groups. If Happy Tails at Pegasus chooses to work with other organizations to rehome animals, Happy Tails at Pegasus shall be the sole point of contact for adoptable dogs with Tooele Veterinary Clinic to minimize the disruption of business for the clinic. If Happy Tails at Pegasus commits to taking an animal from Tooele Veterinary Clinic for the purposes of rehoming the animal, Happy Tails at Pegasus commits to ensure each animal is microchipped and spayed/neutered prior to final adoption. Further, Happy Tails at Pegasus will keep record of each animal taken from Tooele Veterinary Clinic and proof of microchipping and spay/neutering.

This Memorandum memorializes all the of terms of the agreement between the parties and shall take effect upon signature of all parties and shall continue until amended or terminated, in writing. Any party may terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice to all other parties.


Andrew Welch
Tooele County Manager

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021

Evan Topham
Happy Tails at Pegasus

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021

Joe Roundy, D.V.M.
Tooele Veterinary Clinic

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Colin R. Winchester
Deputy Tooele County Attorney