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To our Dodge County Municipal and Law Enforcement Partners,

The Dodge County Humane Society remains committed to animal welfare by providing care and shelter to animals throughout Dodge County. Over the past year, DCHS has taken in nearly 300 animals through stray pick-up services and law enforcement seizure. In addition, suitable homes were found for all adoptable animals and over 100 lost pets were reunited with their owners.

Attached please find the stray animal services contract offering for 2025. As we work to encourage municipalities to provide help for more animals, you will notice that the fee per animal decreases as more animals are covered.

Choosing to contract with DCHS benefits your municipality with both time and cost savings. The following are a direct result of the services that we are able to provide:

- Local law officials can be relieved of most of the calls and subsequent duties related to stray animals.
- Area citizens need not be burdened with the health hazards and safety issues related to stray animals.
- Municipalities do not have to house and feed stray animals for five days in order to be in compliance with state statutes.
- Owners of lost pets have a consistent and safe place to contact to reclaim their pet.

As part of this contract, we make the following commitments to you and your municipality:

- We guarantee that all animals will be handled in a humane way.
- We will make shelter staff accessible to you at all times. This will include use of our pager system and also personal cell phone numbers of our Executive Director.
- We agree to be the responsible agency and quarantine facility for all domestic animal bite cases. This includes compliance with all state requirements.
- We agree to assist your officers with any neglect or abuse calls including both domestic animals and livestock.

The Dodge County Humane Society is also happy to work with municipalities that do not feel a contract is right for them. In an effort to provide services for as many animals as possible, we are offering a per animal option. We will accept animals from non-contracted areas at a cost of \$650 per animal, as space permits. This fee helps to offset the costs of any necessary medical care the animal may need.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe that the attached contract accurately summarizes the significant terms of our agreement. The attached contract reflects our best efforts to streamline our services and our strong desire to partner with your municipality. If you agree with the terms as described, please sign the contract and return it to us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kensie Drinkwine, Executive Director  
Dodge County Humane Society