

Iowa County Humane Society

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2026 Stray and Abandoned Animal Services Contract

Dear Municipal Representative,

Enclosed please find your 2026 Iowa County Humane Society (ICHS) Stray and Abandoned Animal Services Contracts for both cats and dogs. Please note that these are two separate contracts, and both must be completed, signed, and returned to ICHS by December 30, 2025.

Your signed contracts authorize ICHS to provide housing and care for stray and abandoned dogs and cats found within your municipality for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Please take note of 2 changes to our 2026 Stray and Abandoned Animal Services Contract...

- Beginning in 2026, ICHS will no longer offer prior authorization for animal intake. As we offer contract services to 29 municipalities in Iowa county, this change is intended to streamline the intake process for our staff.
- We will not be accepting cats deemed to be feral as they are not adoptable and are not safe for the handling of all our staff.

Municipalities will continue to receive monthly billing statements only if a stray from your area is taken in. If no animals are received that month, no billing statement will be sent. Strays claimed by their owners during the state-mandated stray hold period will not be billed to the municipality. Payment terms remain at 30 days, and municipalities may prepay \$500 as a non-refundable retainer if preferred (unused balances do not carry over to the following year).

If you would like to discuss the contracts or ICHS services in greater detail, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at director@ichs.net or call (608) 935-1381. I am happy to meet in person, by phone, or by email to answer any questions. In addition, if you would like to discuss the importance of a Trap/Neuter/Return policy for the health and population control of free roaming/community/feral cats in your municipality, I would love to set up a time to talk with you.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to the welfare of animals in Iowa County.

With Much Appreciation

Shanna Gundlach

Executive Director

Iowa County Humane Society

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**Iowa County Humane Society (ICHS)
2026 Stray and Abandoned Cat Contract for Services**

Municipality Information

Municipality: City of Dodgeville _____

Municipality Contact: _____

Contact Email: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

ICHS will inform the municipality contact by email of the intake of any cat. Notification will include finder information, location where the animal was found, and animal details.

Fees

City of Dodgeville agrees to prepay in the amount of \$7000 for the 2026 contract year. (This is not a separate fee for each contract.)

Check the appropriate box below:

☐ We agree to contract with the Iowa County Humane Society (ICHS) for the care of the stray and abandoned cats in our municipality for the period of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.

***Take note that ICHS will no longer be offering the option of prior authorization for the intake of an animal. ***

☐ We WILL NOT be contracting with the Iowa County Humane Society (ICHS) for the care of the stray and abandoned cats in our municipality for the period of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.

If you **are not** contracting with ICHS, provide the contact person below. This will be given to any finder who contacts ICHS about a stray or abandoned cat in your municipality, for instruction on what to do with the animal.

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

**The Iowa County Humane Society will not accept cats
deemed to be feral as defined below, as we cannot safely handle them.**

Definitions: A feral cat is one that is unsocialized to humans, shows extreme fear or avoidance of handling, and cannot safely be touched or handled by shelter staff or caregivers. Feral cats live and behave as free-roaming animals in their environment, surviving independently of humans.

This definition aligns with the ASPCA's Position Statement on Community Cats and University of Wisconsin Shelter Medicine guidance distinguishing feral cats (unsocialized) from strays (socialized).

By signing below, the Municipality acknowledges that it has read, understands, and agrees to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Name of Municipality Representative: _____

Signature of Municipality Representative: _____ Date: _____

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**Iowa County Humane Society (ICHS)
2026 Stray and Abandoned Dog Contract for Services**

Municipality Information

Municipality: City of Dodgeville _____

Municipality Contact: _____

Contact Email: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

ICHS will inform the municipality contact by email of the intake of any dog. Notification will include finder information, location where the animal was found, and animal details.

Fees

City of Dodgeville agrees to prepay in the amount of \$7000 for the 2026 contract year. (This is not a separate fee for each contract.)

Check the appropriate box below:

☐ We agree to contract with the Iowa County Humane Society (ICHS) for the care of the stray and abandoned dogs in our municipality for the period of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

***Take note that ICHS will no longer be offering the option of prior authorization for the intake of an animal. ***

☐ We WILL NOT be contracting with the Iowa County Humane Society (ICHS) for the care of the stray and abandoned dogs in our municipality for the period of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.

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Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

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