

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: April 1, 2025
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Roque Salinas, MPA, Executive Director
THROUGH: Dr. Crystal Caldera, City Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with San Antonio Pets Alive! to Intake Dogs from the City of Leon Valley.

SPONSOR(S): N/A

PURPOSE

The City currently lacks a dedicated animal shelter, and residents have expressed opposition to increasing taxes for such a facility during recent town hall discussions. In FY 2024, the City impounded 41 dogs. Without a proper shelter and no immediate plans to construct one, the City must explore alternative solutions for managing impounded animals.

The staff emphasizes that SAPA will not serve as the City’s primary animal care facility under this MOU. This is a temporary, short-term solution with a one-year term. Either party may terminate the contract with a 60-day notice. The City will not accept surrendered, ill, or injured dogs from individuals. When possible, staff will pursue prosecution for dog abandonment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

- The City also agrees to pay SAPA a flat total of \$10,000 for 365 days of service.
 - This payment will be split between the fiscal years 2024 and 2025. This breaks down to \$5,000 each fiscal year.
 - If services are termed a pro rata refund will be required for services per day.

RECOMMENDATION

This is the City Council’s discretion.

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

ATTEST:

SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
City Secretary