



To: City and County Partners of Yakima Humane Society

From: Kelli Peal, YHS Director of Shelter Operations

Date: August 5, 2024

Subject: Contract Changes

Dear Partner,

The Yakima Humane Society will be making changes to our animal control and sheltering contracts going forward. We continue to face major capacity concerns, compounded by the increased costs for both standard and emergency animal care. YHS is in a constant state of crisis management and has to make necessary changes to continue providing care for the animals from your jurisdiction.

YHS is a privately funded no-kill organization, this is an important distinction that we have worked hard to achieve and are proud to uphold. We are the contracted intake facility for twelve cities and two county jurisdictions. YHS does not have the capacity to provide shelter for an unlimited number of animals from so many different areas.

We will need to rework our financial terms as well as establish a maximum number of animals that can be taken from your city each month. By setting a monthly limit, we help everyone in a fair and reasonable manner, without overcommitting our resources. YHS is dedicated to supporting our local municipalities, your contract is incredibly important to insure that YHS can intake not only animals brought in by your city officers but also members of the public who reside within your jurisdiction.

Please accept this memo as our written notice to amend our current contract agreement. Your new 2025 contract is enclosed for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelli Peal

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