

**HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-087**

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of Judge/Executive Keith L. Taul and the concurrence of the Resources and Community Support Committee, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Hardin County Fiscal Court and LaRue County Fiscal Court to provide animal sheltering services to LaRue County Government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to authorize Judge/Executive Keith L. Taul to execute all documents concerning the memorandum of agreement.

ADOPTED, by Hardin County Fiscal Court in its regular meeting on 23 April 2024.



Keith L. Taul
Hardin County Judge/Executive

ATTEST



Brian D. Smith
Hardin County Clerk

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL SHELTERING

This Memorandum of Agreement is made and entered into on the dates as indicated herein by and between Hardin County Fiscal Court, Commonwealth of Kentucky (herein referred to as Hardin County) and LaRue County Fiscal Court, Commonwealth of Kentucky (herein referred to as LaRue County).

Pursuant to KRS 258.195(1), each county in the Commonwealth is required to establish and maintain an animal shelter or contract for animal sheltering services. LaRue County does not maintain an animal shelter. Hardin County operates an animal shelter as part of its animal care and control program which meets the requirements of KRS 258.119.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree to enter into an agreement as follows:

- a) Hardin County agrees to accept up to 20 stray canines during a calendar month from LaRue County for sheltering services.
- b) Hardin County will accept only stray canines under this agreement.
- c) LaRue County shall pay an annual fee to Hardin County of \$30,000 for this service, which shall be billed to LaRue County on a quarterly basis for $\frac{1}{4}$ of this amount. If Hardin County accepts more than 20 stray canines from LaRue County during a calendar month, LaRue County will pay \$70 per stray canine in excess of 20.
- d) All subsequent renewals shall increase or decrease in cost in accordance with changes in the Consumer Price Index, all urban consumers, all items, unadjusted as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor statistics, hereinafter referred to as "CPI".
- e) The animal control facility shall continue to be solely operated by Hardin County Fiscal Court and once a stray canine is physically relinquished to Hardin County Animal Care and Control, all decisions made in regard to the custody and care of the canine shall be made by Hardin County Animal Care and Control.
- f) All stray canines shall be brought to Hardin County Animal Care and Control by a representative of LaRue County Government and shall be brought during regular business hours or at a time outside of regular business hours as agreed on a case-by-case basis. The LaRue County Government representative shall be responsible for transportation, unloading, and delivery of each canine into the Hardin County Animal Care and Control facility.

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- g) LaRue County agrees to provide complete records on all canines brought to Hardin County Animal Care and Control. All records will be recorded on animal intake forms provided by Hardin County Animal Care and Control.
- h) LaRue County will continue to maintain all other animal control services for LaRue County except for sheltering services as agreed herein.
- i) Once a canine is relinquished to Hardin County, all policies and procedures of Hardin County Animal Care and Control shall govern the treatment of the canine, including, but not limited to, the time the canine is held at the shelter, adoption, return to owner, and euthanasia.
- j) It is the responsibility of LaRue County to make available to its residents the most current adoption, release, return, vaccination, and spay and neuter policies of Hardin County Animal Care and Control as such will apply to all canines housed at the Hardin County facility.
- k) LaRue County and Hardin County shall continue to each employ their own animal control officers for their respective county and pay the salary, benefits, and insurance for their employees.
- l) Hardin County will at all times maintain its facility in conformity with the requirements of the Kentucky Revised Statutes and any applicable state and/or federal regulations.
- m) Hardin County has no duty to collect KRS 258.215 fees from the owner of an impounded canine originating from LaRue County. LaRue County may choose to collect fees from LaRue County residents/owners of impounded canines. The contract amount stated herein is due Hardin County regardless of the collection of fees by LaRue County.
- n) Hardin County shall receive any and all canine licensing fees for license issued at Hardin County Animal Care and Control regardless of the county from which the animal originated. Any and all fees and monies collected by Hardin County, including, but not limited to, that for adoption, boarding, or donations shall go toward the general operational expenses of Hardin County Animal Care and Control.
- o) Liability for any damage to person or property by any canine under this agreement shall be the responsibility of the party who has possession of the canine when the event occurs.

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Each party agrees to hold the other harmless for any liability for any loss caused by the responsible party and/or its employees in the performance of his/her duties.

- p) This contract begins on the 23 day of April, 2024, and shall remain in full force and effect for one (1) year. The parties may choose to continue this agreement beyond the initial one (1) year period but shall, in any case, either ratify in writing this agreement, or enter into a new agreement for the purposes herein at least every three (3) years.
- q) Either party may terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice delivered to the other party at the address contained herein.
- r) This written document contains the full agreement between the parties and shall only be modified in writing executed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this agreement upon proper authority in duplicate originals on the date as below indicated:

HARDIN COUNTY
KENTUCKY



Keith L. Taul
Hardin County Judge/Executive
Hardin County Government
150 N. Provident Way
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Date: 4/23/24

LARUE COUNTY
KENTUCKY

Blake Durrett
LaRue County Judge/Executive
LaRue County Government
209 W. High Street
Hodgenville, KY 42748

Date: _____