Humane Society of Chittenden County

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January 11, 2013

Town/City of Hinesburg
PO Box 133
Hinesburg,VT 05461

Dear Town / City Official,

Enclosed please find two copies of our 2013 Animal Control Housing Agreement. Please sign and return one copy and retain the second for your records. The HSCC is pleased to again offer this service to the towns in Chittenden and Grand Isle counties.

Intake fees for 2013 will be as follows:

Canine Intake: $90.00 per dog
Feline Intake: No charge for the first three cats, $15.00 for each cat thereafter

Each year, caring for the homeless, stray, and unwanted animals in our community gets a little more expensive as we are subject to the same economic factors as any other business, organization, or municipality. As we receive no other public funding for the services we provide, and as we rely almost exclusively on individual donations and revenue generated by our fundraising activities, we must allocate our resources wisely and structure our fees accordingly.

As a comparison to the fees outlined above, each cat that we spay or neuter costs more than $40.00 (for that surgery alone) and each dog more than $90.00. These figures represent only a fraction of the resources and funds we invest into each animal in our care. By the time an animal is adopted, we generally *lose* some $150-$400 (depending on species, size, and specific medical and behavioral needs of each animal) even after we've collected an adoption fee.

As in years past, please note that, per our agreement, towns and cities are required to provide any emergency veterinary care that might be needed by an animal in your care. Additionally, due to increased utilization of our kennel space, we will continue to require that all intakes are made by appointment. Towns/Cities and Animal Control must contact the HSCC prior to bringing animals to our facility. The HSCC agrees to continue to treat our town contract partners as priority inquiries and will arrange an intake appointment within 48 hours of the contact.

Everyone at the HSCC again welcomes your partnership in caring for our community's unwanted and homeless animals. Please be sure to review the enclosed contract carefully as some of the terms and conditions have changed. Should you have any questions about our 2013 contract, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tom Ayres
President/CEO

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ANIMAL CONTROL INTAKE AGREEMENT

142 Kindness Court, South Burlington, VT 05403
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The parties of this agreement are the Humane Society of Chittenden County, chartered and licensed in the State of Vermont, hereinafter referred to as HSCC, and the Town/City of Hinesburg, herein referred to as "the town/city." The terms of this agreement shall take effect February 1, 2013, and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2013.

The parties named above agree to the following:

1. HSCC will receive and hold stray cats for five (5) working days. They may be brought to HSCC by citizens or a town/city officer or agent. Only those received by an approved agent of a town/city will incur an intake fee.

2. HSCC will accept stray dogs after they have been held by an impounding facility for a minimum of five days or the minimum number of days established by town/city ordinance, whichever is greater. All dogs with a known owner will be held by the town/city for ten days. Per state law the town/city, using registered mail, will notify a known owner of the intent to dispose of the dog. HSCC will require any paperwork that the town/city has initiated on the dog. The officer or agent transporting the dog is required to fill out an informational intake sheet upon relinquishing the dog.

3. The town/city agrees to contact HSCC prior to bringing animals to our South Burlington facility. HSCC will provide an intake appointment within 48 hours of the contact pending available space in our facility.

4. HSCC will not provide rabies quarantine services to animal control or the general public.

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The town/city in consideration of the services provided by HSCC, agrees to pay the sum of $90.00 per dog and $15 per cat after the first three (3) cats relinquished each year. The town/city will be billed on a monthly basis and terms of remittance will be Net 15.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 2013. This agreement is subject to renewal on an annual basis upon the approval ~~of both~~ parties.

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City/Town Authorized Signature

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HSCC President/CEO

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Name & Title (Printed)

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