

ADOPTION PARTNER AGREEMENT WITH MOORE COUNTY ANIMAL OPERATIONS

MOORE COUNTY ANIMAL OPERATIONS serves the County by providing a temporary home for adoptable animals, and by making those animals available for adoption to potential pet owners. There are often animals with characteristics which create difficulty or delay in finding an adoptive home. Intake levels and space constraints create a constant need or opportunity to work with outside agencies in finding permanent placement for the animals. When these conditions occur, it is important for MOORE COUNTY ANIMAL OPERATIONS to partner with entities or organizations whose mission is to assist in the transfer and permanent placement of adoptable animals.

MOORE COUNTY has established the following guidelines for ADOPTION PARTNERS WITH MOORE COUNTY ANIMAL OPERATIONS, applicable to current and potential Adoption Partners with MOORE COUNTY ANIMAL OPERATIONS.

APPROVING ADOPTION PARTNERS

- Entity or organization must show proof of current 501(c)(3) Tax Status. A six-month conditional approval may be granted to entities or organizations who provide documentation that they are in the process of obtaining 501(c)(3) Tax Status, provided they meet all other criteria of this agreement.
- Must provide organization's Mission Statement
- To assure that no transfer contributes to the unwanted pet population, the Adoption Partner shall agree to the spaying/neutering every animal, as is required by Animal Operations in its direct adoptions.
- Must provide two or more written references vouching for the organization, at least one of which shall come from a practicing veterinarian
- Animal Operations Director (or designee) may inspect the holding facility or facilities operated by the entity or organization.
- Upon approval, the Adoption Partner is responsible for transparency in its state of operations and for complying with the above-stated criteria should a material change result in the need for additional approval verifications.

SELECTING ANIMALS FOR TRANSFER

- Adoption partner transfers shall not deprive the Animal Center of the opportunity to first offer an animal or group of animals for adoption prior to seeking assistance from an adoption partner. Adoption partner transfers shall not inhibit established county programs or events.
- Examples of the need to transfer animals for adoption include: capacity or population concerns, an excess of animals with similar descriptions which reduces the chance for adoption success, a prevalence of hard-to-adopt breeds or characteristics, or the holding of animals such as senior pets, lactating females and neonatal offspring.
- The Animal Operations Director has discretion to render a final decision concerning the transfer of any animal to an adoption partner.
- The Animal Center staff will provide appropriate documentation such as medical records to the Adoption Partner pursuant to transfer.

POST-TRANSFER

- The Adoption Partner shall manage all animals in a manner consistent with the laws of Moore County and the State of North Carolina.
- Adoption Partner agrees that animals transferred to them will be sterilized and receive medical attention sufficient to relieve suffering or potential suffering. Adoption Partners must be confident when transferring any animal prior to permanent placement this criteria shall be met.
- Moore County Animal Operations may randomly require documentation of spay/neuter. Should it be discovered the Adoption Partner has failed to spay/neuter an eligible animal in their charge, or violated any post-transfer terms, the relationship with the Adoption Partner may be terminated by Moore County Animal Operations.
- No fee shall be charged for transfer of an animal to an approved Adoption Partner.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2015.
