

# WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT INFORMATION SHEET

Whatcom County Contract No.

202411033

Originating Department:		Executive Office	
Contract or Grant Administrator:		Tawni Helms, Administrative Coordinator	
Contractor's / Agency Name:		Whatcom Humane Society	
Is this a New Contract? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a))		Original Contract #: _____	
Does contract require Council Approval? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		If No, include WCC: _____ (see Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)	
Is this a grant agreement? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		If yes, grantor agency contract number(s): _____ CFDA#: _____	
Is this contract grant funded? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s): _____	
Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		If yes, RFP and Bid number(s): RFP 16-44 Contract Cost Center: 4300	
Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If no, include Attachment D Contractor Declaration form.			
If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional. <input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than \$100,000. <input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than 120 days. <input type="checkbox"/> Interlocal Agreement (between Governments). <input type="checkbox"/> Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS). <input type="checkbox"/> Work related subcontract less than \$25,000. <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.			
Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments): \$ <u>932,318 (for two years)</u>		<b>Council approval required</b> for; all property leases, contracts or bid awards exceeding \$40,000, and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, <b>except when:</b> 1. Exercising an option obtained in a contract previously approved by the council. 2. Contract is for design, construction, r-o-w acquisition, professional services, or other capital costs approved by council in a capital budget appropriation ordinance. 3. Bid or award is for supplies or equipment included approved in the budget. 4. Contract is for manufacturer's technical support and hardware maintenance of electronic systems and/or technical support and software maintenance from the developer of proprietary software currently used by Whatcom County.	
This Amendment Amount: \$ _____			
Total Amended Amount: \$ _____			
Summary of Scope: Whatcom Humane Society will provide animal control and shelter services to Whatcom County. Services include but are not exclusive to: housing, administering regulations, enforcement and penalties pursuant to County ordinances, statutes and local code as described in Exhibit A.			
Term of Contract: Two years		Expiration Date: 12/31/2026	

Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by: <u>Twh</u>	Date: <u>11/21/2024</u>
	2. Attorney signoff: <u>B.Waldron</u>	Date: <u>11/21/2024</u>
	3. AS Finance reviewed: <u>Bbennett</u>	Date: <u>11/25/24</u>
	4. IT reviewed (if IT related): _____	Date: _____
	5. Contractor signed: _____	Date: _____
	6. Submitted to Exec.: _____	Date: _____
	7. Council approved (if necessary): _____	Date: _____
	8. Executive signed: _____	Date: _____
	9. Original to Council: _____	Date: _____

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202411033**CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
**Whatcom Humane Services**

Whatcom Humane Society, hereinafter called **Contractor**, and Whatcom County, hereinafter referred to as **County**, agree and contract as set forth in this Agreement, including:

General Conditions, pp. 3 to 7,  
 Exhibit A (Scope of Work), pp. 8 to 11,  
 Exhibit B (Compensation), pp. 12 to 14,  
 Exhibit C (Budget), pp. 15,  
 Exhibit D (E-Verify Declaration) pp. 16,  
 Exhibit E (Certificate of Insurance) pp. 17.

Copies of these items are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the 1st day of January, 20 25, regardless the date of signature, and shall, unless terminated or renewed as elsewhere provided in the Agreement, terminate on the 31 day of December, 20 26.

The general purpose or objective of this Agreement is to: provide animal control and shelter services throughout unincorporated Whatcom County, as more fully and definitively described in Exhibit A hereto. The language of Exhibit A controls in case of any conflict between it and that provided here.

The maximum consideration for the initial term of this agreement or for any renewal term shall not exceed **\$932,318** for two years. The Contract Number, set forth above, shall be included on all billings or correspondence in connection therewith.

Contractor acknowledges and by signing this contract agrees that the Indemnification provisions set forth in Paragraphs 11.1, 21.1, 30.1, 31.2, 32.1, 34.2, and 34.3, if included, are totally and fully part of this contract and have been mutually negotiated by the parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2024, at Whatcom County, PA.  
 Signed by: Satpal Singh Sidhu  
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Each signatory below to this Contract warrants that he/she is the authorized agent of the respective party; and that he/she has the authority to enter into the contract and bind the party thereto.

**CONTRACTOR:**

Whatcom Humane Society

Laura Clark

12/10/2024

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 Laura Clark, Executive Director

Address:  
 2172 Division Street  
 Bellingham, WA 98226

Contact Name: Laura Clark, Executive Director  
 Contact Phone: 360-733-2080 ext.: 3026  
 Contact FAX: 360-733-4746  
 Contact Email: director@whatcomhumane.org

**WHATCOM COUNTY:**

**Approved as to form:**

Brandon Waldron per email 11/21/2024  
Prosecuting Attorney Date

**Approved:**

Accepted for Whatcom County:

DocuSigned by:

By: Satpal Singh Sidhu

12/10/2024

By: Satpal Singh Sidhu  
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Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

### ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WHATCOM HUMANE SOCIETY

1. **Intent:** The intent of this document is for the County to obtain animal control services such as housing, administering regulations, enforcement and penalties pursuant to the following statutes and local code:

*RCW 9.08 Crimes Relating to Animals*

*RCW 16.04 Trespass of Animals*

*RCW 16.08 Dogs*

*RCW 16.10 Dogs-Licensing- Control Zones*

*RCW 16.24 Stock Restricted Areas*

*RCW 16.52 Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*

*RCW 16.54 Abandoned Animals*

*RCW 16.68 Disposal of Dead Animals*

*RCW 16.70 Control Of Pet Animals Infected With Disease Communicable To Humans*

*WCC 6.04 Animal Control*

*WCC 6.08 Restriction of Livestock*

2. **Description of Services:** The Contractor agrees to provide and the County agrees to accept the services as described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
3. **Consideration:** As consideration for the services provided, the County agrees to reimburse the Contractor as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
4. **Term and Extensions:** The term of this Agreement shall be for a period of twenty-four months beginning January 1, 2025. The term shall be as stated regardless of the date of signature. At the conclusion of the contract, the County may extend the agreement for two consecutive two year terms. At the conclusion of the contract and any extension, the contract shall be reopened for bidding. The County reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time for substandard performance or non-compliance with contract terms.
5. **Records and Reports:** The Contractor agrees to maintain all books, records, documents, reports and other evidence of accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended and services performed under this Agreement, including a complete system of records that shall show the kinds and number of animals in its custody obtained from the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County, the locations where such animals were found, the reasons for confinement and final disposition. On a quarterly basis the Contractor shall provide the County Executive, or his or her designee, a report detailing all fees collected and all expenses and cash balances, with a comprehensive year-end report due thirty (30) days after the end of the fiscal year. The Contractor also agrees to provide the County Executive, or his or her designee, a quarterly report detailing the levels of service provided over the quarter, together with a report on the license program in accordance with Section 3.1 in Exhibit A.

All income and expenditures shall be recorded in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The financial records shall be subject to audit by any governmental agency with jurisdiction at a time and place mutually convenient to the parties.

6. **Right to Review:** This contract is subject to review by any Federal, State or County auditor. The County or its designee shall have the right to review and monitor the financial and service components of this program by whatever means are deemed expedient by the Administrative Officer or by the County Auditor's Office. Such review may occur with or without notice, and may include, but is not limited to, onsite inspection by County agents or employees, inspection of all records or



other materials which the County deems pertinent to the Agreement and its performance, and any and all communications with or evaluations by service recipients under this Agreement. The Contractor shall preserve and maintain all financial records and records relating to the performance of work under this Agreement for 3 years after contract termination, and shall make them available for such review, within Whatcom County, State of Washington, upon request. Contractor also agrees to notify the Administrative Officer in advance of any inspections, audits, or program review by any individual, agency, or governmental unit whose purpose is to review the services provided within the terms of this Agreement. If no advance notice is given to the Contractor, then the Contractor agrees to notify the Administrative Officer as soon as it is practical.

7. **Contracts with other Governmental Jurisdictions:** The County agrees to permit the Contractor to extend its services within Whatcom County. The County does not agree to provide a financial subsidy, either directly or indirectly to any city or any other local government. The Contractor guarantees that it will manage its affairs so that any agency contracting with it for services bears that agency's pro-rata share of costs incurred.
8. **Licensing:** The contractor agrees to comply with applicable federal, state, county or municipal standards for licensing, certification and operation of facilities and programs, and accreditation and licensing of individuals. The Contractor shall also be responsible for obtaining any necessary approvals and permits and shall be given a reasonable period of time to bring operations into compliance with all laws and standards.

9. **Communications:** *Communications between the Contractor and the County shall be addressed to the regular places of business. In the case of the Contractor, the address shall be:*

Laura Clark  
Whatcom Humane Society  
2172 Division Street  
Bellingham, WA 98226

In the case of the County, communications shall be sent to:  
Tawni Helms, Administrative Coordinator  
Whatcom County Executive Office  
311 Grand Ave, Suite 108  
Bellingham, WA 98225

#### 10. **Administration of Agreement:**

- a. This agreement shall be subject to all laws, rules, and regulations of the United States of America, the State of Washington, and political subdivisions. The Contractor also agrees to comply with applicable federal, state, county or municipal standards for licensing, certification, and operation of facilities and programs, and accreditation and licensing of individuals.
- b. The County hereby appoints, and Contractor hereby accepts, the Whatcom County Executive, and her or his designee, as the County representative, hereinafter referred to as the Administrative Officer, for purposes of administering the provisions of this Agreement, including the County's right to receive and act upon all reports and documents, and any auditing performed by the County related to this Agreement. The Administrative Officer for purposes of this Agreement is:

Tawni Helms, Office Administrator  
Whatcom County Executive Office  
311 Grand Ave, Suite 108  
Bellingham, WA 98225

11. **Relationship to Parties:** The parties intend that an independent Contractor/County relationship will be created by the Agreement. The County is interested only in the results to be achieved; the implementation of services will lie solely with the Contractor. Neither the Contractor, nor any agent, employee or representative of the Contractor shall be deemed to be an

agent, employee, or representative of the County for any purpose. Employees of the Contractor are not entitled to any of the benefits the County provides for County employees. The Contractor will be solely and entirely responsible for its acts, and for the acts of its agents, employees, subcontractors or others during the performance of this Agreement. In the performance of services herein contemplated, the Contractor is an Independent Contractor as to the performance of the details of the work; however, the results of the work contemplated herein must meet the approval of the County and shall be subject to the County's general rights of inspection and review to secure the satisfactory completion thereof.

12. **Indemnification and Hold Harmless:** The Contractor agrees and covenants to indemnify, defend and save harmless the County and those persons who were, now are, or shall be duly elected or appointed officials or members or employees thereof, hereinafter referred to as the County, against and from any loss, damage, cost, charge, expense, liability, claim, demand or judgment, of whatsoever kind or nature, whether to persons or property, arising wholly or partially out of any act, action, neglect, omission or default on the part of the Contractor, his subcontractors, and/or employees, except to the extent such injury or damage shall have been caused by or resulted from the negligence of the County. In case any suit or cause of action shall be brought against the County on account of any act, action, neglect, omission or default on the part of the Contractor, his agents, subcontractors, and/or employees, the Contractor hereby agrees and covenants to appear and assume the defense thereof and to pay any and all costs, charges, attorney's fees and other expenses and any and all judgments that may be incurred or obtained against the County.

In the event the County is required to institute legal action and/or participate in legal action to enforce this indemnification and hold harmless clause, the Contractor agrees to pay the County's legal fees, costs and disbursements incurred in establishing the right to indemnification.

13. **Social Security and Other Taxes:** Contractor assumes full responsibility for the payment of all payroll taxes, use, sales, income, other form of taxes, fee, licenses, excises, or payments required by any City, County, Federal or State legislation which are now or may, during the term of this Agreement, be enacted as to the Contractor and all persons employed by the Contractor as to all duties, activities, and requirements by the Contractor in performance of the work pursuant to this Agreement and shall assume exclusive liability therefore, and meet all requirements thereunder pursuant to any rules and regulations that are now and may be promulgated in connection therewith.
14. **Proof of Insurance:** The Contractor shall maintain the following insurance coverage and shall provide the County with certificates of insurance, naming the County as additional insured on all the following policies:
- a. *General Liability:* Comprehensive general liability, premises, operations, contractual and personal injury coverage, for a minimum of \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
  - b. *Automobile Liability:* Comprehensive bodily injury and property damage combined limit of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
  - c. *Automobile Collision:* Coverage adequate to replace vehicles.
  - c. *Law Enforcement Professional:* False arrest, assault and battery, and related coverage, for a combined policy limit of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

The Contractor's insurance shall be considered primary and non-contributory, and it shall waive all rights of subrogation. The County's insurance shall not be required to contribute in any way.

15. **Suspension/Termination:** The County reserves the right to terminate the Agreement at any time for substandard performance or non-compliance with the terms of this Agreement. If the Contractor fails to comply fully with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the County may pursue such remedies as are legally available, including but not limited to, the suspension or termination of the Agreement in the manner specified herein.

- a. **Suspensions:** If either party is unable to substantiate full compliance with the provisions of this Agreement, or full cooperation in its performance, the non-breaching party may suspend the Agreement pending corrective acts or investigation, which suspension shall be effective upon seven (7) days written notification to the other party.
- b. **Termination – Just cause:** For just cause, this Agreement may be terminated by either party hereto upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the other party unless circumstances warrant the immediate termination of the Agreement. Said written notice shall include a detailed statement of “just cause.”

16. **Non-Discrimination in Employment:** The County’s policy is to provide equal opportunity in all terms, conditions and privileges of employment for all qualified applicants and employees without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, Vietnam era or disabled veteran status, or disability. The Contractor shall comply with all laws prohibiting discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment on the grounds of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, Vietnam-era or disabled veteran status, or disability, except where such constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification.

Furthermore, in those cases in which the Contractor is governed by such laws, the Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, Vietnam-era or disabled veteran status, or disability, except where such constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification. Such action shall include, but not be limited to: advertising, hiring, promotions, layoffs or terminations, rate of pay or other forms of compensation benefits, selection for training including apprenticeship, and participation in recreational and educational activities. In all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by them or on their behalf, the Contractor shall state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The foregoing provisions shall also be binding upon any subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provision shall not apply to contracts or subcontractors for standard commercial supplies or raw materials, or to sole proprietorships without employees.

17. **Non-Discrimination in Client Services:** The Contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, Vietnam-era or disabled veteran status, or disability, or deny an individual or business any service or benefits under this Agreement, or subject an individual or business to segregation or separate treatment in any manner related to his/her/its receipt of any service or services or other benefits provided under this Agreement; or, deny an individual or business an opportunity to participate in any program provided by this Agreement.

18. **Assignment and/or Subcontracting:** The performance of all activities contemplated by this Agreement shall be accomplished by the Contractor. No portion of this contract may be assigned or subcontracted to any other individual, firm or entity without the express and prior written approval of the County.

19. **Modification:** No change or addition to this Agreement shall be valid or binding upon either party unless such change or addition is in writing, executed by both parties.

20. **Waiver:** Waiver of any breach or condition of this contract shall not be deemed a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach. No term or condition of this contract shall be held to be waived, modified or deleted except by an instrument, in writing, signed by the parties hereto. The failure of the County to insist upon strict performance of any of the covenants and agreements of this Agreement or to exercise any option herein conferred in any one or more instances shall not be construed to be a waiver or relinquishment of any such, or any other covenants or agreements, but the same shall be and remain in full force and effect

21. **Venue and Choice of Law:** In the event that any litigation should arise concerning the construction or interpretation of any of the terms of this Agreement, the venue of such action of litigation shall be in the courts of the State of Washington in and for the County of Whatcom. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington.

22. **Severability:** If any term or condition of this contract or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms, conditions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid term, condition or application. To this end, the terms and conditions of this contract are declared severable.

23. **E-Verify:** The E-Verify contractor program for Whatcom County applies to contracts of \$100,000 or more and sub contracts for \$25,000 or more if the primary contract is for \$100,000 or more. Contractor represents and warrants that it will, for at least the duration of this contract, register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. The term "employee" as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work for Whatcom County. As used herein, "status verification system" means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. Contractor/Seller agrees to maintain records of such compliance and, upon request of the County, to provide a copy of each such verification to the County. Contractor/Seller further represents and warrants that any person assigned to perform services hereunder meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws of the State of Washington. Contractor/Seller understands and agrees that any breach of these warranties may subject Contractor/Seller to the following: (a) termination of this Agreement and ineligibility for any Whatcom County contract for up to three (3) years, with notice of such cancellation/termination being made public. In the event of such termination/cancellation, Contractor/Seller would also be liable for any additional costs incurred by the County due to contract cancellation or loss of license or permit." Contractor will review and enroll in the E-Verify program through this website: [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)

24. **Entire Agreement:** This written Agreement, comprised of the writings signed or otherwise identified and attached hereto, represents the entire Agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior oral statements, discussions or understandings between the parties.

## **Exhibit A** **SERVICES**

**A-1. Description of Services:** The Contractor agrees to provide the following described services:

A1.1. *Operate Animal Shelter Facility:* The Contractor shall provide and operate such animal control shelter and care facilities as may be necessary to receive, maintain, care for and provide for the appropriate disposition of all animals that come within the legal animal control authority and responsibility of the County.

A1.2. *Conduct Animal-Related Investigations and Enforcement:* The Contractor shall provide all necessary investigation, enforcement, testimony, follow up and administrative services, including hearings, as may be required to fulfill the County's legal responsibility regarding animals, violations of law and animal control issues.

A1.3. *Conduct Animal Control Patrol and Impoundment:* The Contractor shall provide all necessary services associated with the control of strays, dangerous or unsupervised animals including receiving reports, responding to complaints, addressing animal-related issues, receiving and impounding animals and conducting such activities as may be reasonably necessary to ensure the effective control of animals that come under the legal authority and responsibility of the County.

A1.4. *Administer Animal Licensing Programs:* The Contractor shall provide for the administration and operation of all animal licensing programs necessary for the County to fulfill its legal licensing responsibility under state law or county ordinance.

**A-2. Legislation:** The Contractor shall provide continuing assistance and advice to the County on the updating and revision of its animal control code.

**A-3. Animal License Program:** The Contractor is solely responsible for administration of all licensing programs.

A3.1. *License Issuance:* The Contractor shall issue animal licenses as required by the Whatcom County Code, shall collect the required fees, and shall maintain a comprehensive set of records on all animal licenses issued by it. At the close of each month the Contractor shall submit a report to the County Executive of licenses issued. The report shall include a list of each license sold showing the name and address of the owner, any associated fees received by the Contractor and the description of the animal licensed. Similar information shall be submitted for all animals impounded.

A3.2. *Stray Animal Licenses:* Stray animals picked up in the County and sold or adopted to private individuals residing in the County shall not be released to their new owners until a valid County license is obtained.

A3.3. *Education:* Education programs for the general public to encourage the licensing of dogs shall be conducted at the discretion of the Contractor at no additional cost to the County.

A3.4. *Purchase Point:* The Contractor shall have an outlet where people may purchase required licenses for their animals.

**A-4. Animal Shelter Facility and Operations:**

A4.1. *Shelter Hours:* The shelter or a shelter representative shall be available for contact 24 hours a day, seven days a week on an emergency-response basis. The shelter must be open at least thirty (30) hours per week on a normal basis. Current hours the animal shelter facility is open to the public are Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The animal shelter is closed to the public on Sunday, Monday and major holidays. Trained personnel are at the facility working and available to respond to emergencies 76 days a week, 365 days per year.

A4.2. *Telephones:* Animal Control dispatch telephones must be answered during regular business hours and there must be an emergency number or rotating contact whereby the shelter may be contacted 24 hours a day, seven days a week on an emergency-response basis. The animal control dispatch phone is staffed 7 days a week Sunday/Monday 9am-5pm, Tuesday through Saturday from 10am -6pm.

A4.3. *Animal Shelter Facility:* The shelter shall have an adequate number of dog kennels and cat cages, isolation facilities for sick dogs and cats, quarantine facilities for biting, dangerous or injured animals which are not necessarily sick, and access to large animal housing. The animal shelter shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and the Contractor will

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not permit any condition to exist which might constitute a public nuisance. The kennel shall comply with the standards set forth in the Humane Society's Uniform Standards Guidelines (HSUS) for the operation of the animal shelter. The Contractor shall provide a facility that has year-round fenced and drained hard surface pads to be used as outdoor exercise yards for the animals. At a minimum there shall be two (2) exercise yards with minimum dimensions of 8 x 20 feet that comply with HSUS guidelines. The outside exercise areas are to be located within viewable distance of Contractor's employees to maintain security of the animals within. The facility site shall be in conformance with the local zoning regulations and shall comply with all federal, state and local regulations.

**A4.4. *Acceptance and Care of Animals:*** The best possible care and treatment shall be given to all animals held in custody. Adequate housing and food shall be provided and the shelter shall not be overpopulated. The Contractor shall be responsible for the care, medical treatment, medication and inoculation required to assure the humane treatment of the animals received into the Contractor's facility. Any injured animals coming in to the shelter must be seen by a veterinarian for treatment or decision regarding euthanasia within 24 hours of entry. The shelter shall accept unwanted small domestic pets (i.e., dogs and cats) from County residents, including strays and owner-released animals for humane euthanasia. The Contractor shall also accept pigs, goats, sheep, cattle, horses, ferrets, llamas, rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs, snakes and domestic birds and other animals as circumstances require.

**A4.5. *Adoption:*** The Contractor shall be responsible for making every reasonable effort to prepare and present animals for adoption by the public and to facilitate the same. All animals released for adoption shall be vaccinated and either spayed or neutered. Spaying or neutering may be suspended depending on the health and age of the animal at the discretion of a licensed veterinarian associated with the Contractor.

**A4.6. *Disposal of Unclaimed Animals:*** The Contractor shall provide for the humane disposal of unclaimed animals after holding them for no fewer than 72 hours, unless sickness or injury requires earlier disposal. Under no circumstances shall unadopted animals be sold for purposes of medical research or other activities, which may harm them. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining animals beyond the minimum 72-hour period as may be required for the completion of any judicial process or to the extent required by law.

**A4.7. *Euthanasia:*** Humane euthanasia and disposal of unwanted animals must be by lethal injection of sodium pentobarbital or other approved method administered by a licensed veterinarian or by an agency which has obtained a Washington State and Federal Drug License and certification for staff to administer same.

**A4.8. *Certification:*** The Contractor assumes full responsibility for complying with all licensing, certification, or accreditation as required by law including regulation of facilities, programs, and euthanasia certification and licensing. Animal control and animal care managers and supervisors the executive director and other assigned staff will be certified to assist with euthanasia under the direction of a veterinarian.

**A4.9 *Volunteer Program:*** The Contractor will actively promote a volunteer program to assist with the animals, supported through the shelter. Any and all volunteer programs, created during the term of the agreement and/or affiliated with the Contractor must be in compliance with state employment laws and subject to any and all special insurance requirements.

**A-5. Enforcement and Field Operations:** The Contractor shall be fully responsible for taking animals into custody, transportation of animals, administration and enforcement of animal control regulations, investigation of animal control complaints, as well as imposing penalties in accordance with Whatcom County Code and the Revised Code of Washington. Full services are required in all of rural Whatcom County, including Point Roberts, Lummi Island, and Newhalem. Dog control zones are established in all of the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County except areas designed R-5, R-10 and AG.

**A5.1. *Enforcement Hours:*** The Contractor shall provide for a minimum/maximum range of field operation services each week to include patrol, enforcement, investigation of complaints and impoundment of animals, including Sheriff approved after-hours call-outs. The County recognizes that the amount of field operation hours may vary and, therefore, requires that the Contractor's animal control officers provide a minimum of 80 hours of field operation services per week and be capable and responsive to levels of activity, including Sheriff approved call-outs, that may require up to 120 hours per week, as need dictates. Within this inclusive range, the Contractor shall be responsible for all such services.

A5.2. *Emergency Response:* With regard to animal control enforcement, the Contractor shall be available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, on an emergency-response basis. Emergency response shall be for:

1. Vicious animals, animals running at large, or animals that may reasonably constitute a hazard to persons or other animals or threaten public safety.
2. Injured or very sick domestic animals.
3. Domestic animals in distress, such as those caught in traps.
4. Hardship cases or law enforcement (Sheriff) assistance matters.

Note: WhatCOMM/Sheriff duty staff shall review, authorize and contact on-call animal control personnel to request after-hours assistance.

After-hour call outs located in unincorporated Whatcom county requested by Whatcom county law Enforcement (Whatcom county Sheriff, EMT or other law enforcement agencies) will be billed at an additional \$100.00 per call. A copy of calls/reports will be submitted to the County with the quarterly invoice.

A5.3. *Complaints and Referrals:* The Contractor shall investigate and follow up on all animal control complaints referred to it by the public, appropriate officers, health services or other entities where the complaints constitute violations of Whatcom County Code Title 6.

A5.4. *Distressed Animals:* Domestic animals in distress, including hardship cases such as natural disasters, fires and other emergencies will be taken to the shelter facilities. Vicious animals at large must be impounded. If distressed or vicious animals cannot be safely impounded, they may be destroyed.

A5.5. *Hazard Removal:* Dead domestic animals whose owners are unknown and which constitute traffic hazards on County roadways must be removed. In other instances where violations of the Code are observed, the animal shall be impounded.

A5.6. *Disposal of Dead Animals:* The Contractor shall pick up and dispose of small or large dead domestic animals from County roads within 24 hours of notification.

A5.7. *Vehicles and Equipment:* Contractor shall own and maintain the number and type of vehicles necessary to provide services as described. Contractor shall maintain appropriate insurance on all vehicles, consistent with the requirements of Section 14, Proof of Insurance, set forth hereinabove.

A5.8. *Court Appearances:* The Contractor's personnel may, on occasion, be required to appear in court in support of enforcement action. The Contractor shall not receive additional compensation under this Agreement for these appearances.

A5.9. *Quarantine Services:* The Contractor shall provide quarantine services within incorporated and unincorporated areas of Whatcom County in accordance with the procedures outlined in WCC 6.04.140 Control of Rabid or Potentially Rabid Animals, when requested by the Health Department or when an animal of a species which may transmit disease through its saliva, bites and breaks the skin of any person. Specifically, the Contractor shall:

1. Notify the Health Department of:
  - unusual behavior of a recently captured domestic animal;
  - unusual behavior or death of a quarantined domestic animal; or
  - any non-domestic animal bite report if it is of a species which may transmit disease through its bite.
2. Notify caretakers of a quarantined animal of their duty to report unusual behavior or the death of a quarantined animal.
3. Follow-up on the status of a quarantined animal at the end of the quarantine period.
4. Obtain authorization from the Health Department prior to euthanizing any quarantined animal.
5. Remove and transport the head of any potentially rabid animal only as directed by the Health Department.



6. Assist in the capture and transport of potentially rabid bats upon request of the Health Department.

**A-6. Animal Control Officers:**

A6.1. *Authority:* The Contractor shall act as an agency on behalf of the County for the enforcement of animal control and related ordinances and statutes.

A6.2. *Qualifications and Training:* The Contractor assumes full responsibility for the selection, qualification, and training of its animal control officers.

A6.3. *Patrol Strength:* The Contractor shall provide at least a minimum of eighty (80) hours and up to one hundred twenty (120) hours weekly of field service time to carry out its obligations under this Agreement and shall ensure that sufficient staff and vehicles are available Monday through Saturday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or on an alternate schedule approved by the County Executive.

**A-7. Other:**

A7.1. From time to time, special assistance may be required to respond to unique circumstances and/or animal care needs. Normally, such special assistance or care shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. Excessive cases may be addressed to the Executive's Office for special consideration.

A7.2. The Contractor will make every reasonable effort to establish and maintain a positive working relationship with all organizations concerned with animal welfare in Whatcom County.

A7.3. The Contractor shall represent the County as its primary animal control service provider for the unincorporated areas of Whatcom County. As such, the Contractor will be expected to provide excellent customer service and public relations. The Contractor shall not be expected to operate beyond the scope of this Agreement in the County's interest unless specifically requested to do so by an appropriate representative of the County. The County will not agree to any expense beyond the terms of this Agreement without preauthorization by an official of the County empowered to so bind the County.

**A-8. Activities Not Covered:** The Contractor shall not be responsible under the terms of this agreement for the following items:

A8.1. Responding to complaints or incidents involving wild animals, except where it is in the interest of public safety including potentially rabid bats. Contractor will assist a state agency or law enforcement agency when the presence of any wild animal, dead or alive is on a public roadway or within the right-of-way. Contractor will attempt to move the animal from the right of way traffic lanes and when necessary, transport the animal to an appropriate location for care or release.

A8.2. At no cost to the County, Contractor employs permitted wildlife rehabilitators and trained staff and operates a wildlife rehabilitation center located at 5602 Mission Road in Bellingham.

A8.3. Rehabilitating and restoring to health animals that have been injured, neglected or abused that is not required by state law or county ordinance.

A8.4. Responding to non-emergent calls or complaints that have not been reviewed and approved for after-hours call-out by the Sheriff's office.

A8.5. Providing other services or activities that are not reasonably related to the contracted services or the intent of this Agreement, and that create an undue finance burden on the Contractor.

**EXHIBIT "B"**  
(COMPENSATION)

As consideration for the services provided pursuant to Exhibit A. Scope of work, the county agrees to compensate the contractor \$38,847.00 per month consistent with exhibit C. Program Budget. Contractor will provide quarterly activity reports and upon request provide source documents such as payroll summaries identifying employee, hours worked and amount of compensation. Compensation shall not exceed a total of \$932,318 for the two years, 2025 and 2026.

Any work performed prior to the effective date of this contract or continuing after the completion date of the same unless otherwise agreed upon in writing, will be at the contractor's expense.

**B-1. Animal Control & License Fees:**

B1.1. The following animal control and license fees are authorized in the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule, effective January 1, 2025 through Budget Ordinance 2024-063:

Description	Fee	Comments
Board/Care - Domestic Animals	\$15	Per Day
Board/Care - Large Livestock	\$40	Per Day after 24 hours
Board/Care - Small Livestock	\$40	Per Day after 24 hours
Boarding Fee/Special Requirements	\$40	Per Day
Call Out Fee (Livestock at Large)	\$50	
Impoundment - Cats and other small animals 1st - Altered and wearing ID	\$25	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Cats and other small animals 2nd - Altered and wearing ID	\$45	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Cats and other small animals 3rd - Altered and wearing ID	\$65	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Cats and other small animals 4th + - Altered and wearing ID	\$100	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Cats and other small animals 1st - Altered and w/o ID	\$45	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Cats and other small animals 2nd - Altered and w/o ID	\$65	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Cats and other small animals 3rd - Altered and w/o ID	\$85	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Cats and other small animals 4th + - Altered and w/o ID	\$120	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Cats and other small animals 1st - Unaltered and wearing ID	\$45	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Cats and other small animals 2nd - Unaltered and wearing ID	\$65	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Cats and other small animals 3rd - Unaltered and wearing ID	\$85	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Cats and other small animals 4th + - Unaltered and wearing ID	\$120	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Cats and other small animals 1st - Unaltered and w/o ID	\$65	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Cats and other small animals 2nd - Unaltered and w/o ID	\$85	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Cats and other small animals 3rd - Unaltered and w/o ID	\$105	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Cats and other small animals 4th + - Unaltered and w/o ID	\$140	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Dogs 1st - Altered and wearing current license	\$40	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Dogs 2nd - Altered and wearing current license	\$60	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Dogs 3rd - Altered and wearing current license	\$80	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Dogs 4th + - Altered and wearing current license	\$150	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Dogs 1st - Altered and unlicensed or not wearing license	\$60	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Dogs 2nd - Altered and unlicensed or not wearing license	\$80	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Dogs 3rd - Altered and unlicensed or not wearing license	\$100	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Dogs 4th + - Altered and unlicensed or not wearing license	\$170	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Dogs 1st - Unaltered and wearing current license	\$60	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Dogs 2nd - Unaltered and wearing current license	\$80	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Dogs 3rd - Unaltered and wearing current license	\$100	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Dogs 4th + - Unaltered and wearing current license	\$170	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Dogs 1st - Unaltered and unlicensed or not wearing license	\$80	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Dogs 2nd - Unaltered and unlicensed or not wearing license	\$100	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Dogs 3rd - Unaltered and unlicensed or not wearing license	\$120	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Dogs 4th + - Unaltered and unlicensed or not wearing license	\$190	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Large Livestock 1st	\$75	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Large Livestock 2nd	\$100	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Large Livestock 3rd	\$125	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Large Livestock 4th +	\$200	Per Imp/12 mo period

Impoundment - Small Livestock 1st	\$60	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Small Livestock 2nd	\$80	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Small Livestock 3rd	\$100	Per Imp/12 mo period
Impoundment - Small Livestock 4th +	\$150	Per Imp/12 mo period
License Fee - Wild or Exotic Animal - Initial License	\$500	
License Fee - Wild or Exotic Animal - Annual Renewal	\$100	
License Fee - Altered Dog	\$11	
License Fee - Unaltered Dog	\$41	
License Fee - Past Due - Additional	\$10	Added to License Fee
Multi-Dog License	\$65	
Owner Release Fee	\$50	
Owner Release Fee - Additional for Litter w/Mother	\$10	
Pickup/Disposition Fee	\$55	
Pickup/Disposition Fee - Each Additional Animal and/or Litter w/Mother	\$25	Same trip
Registration Fee - Potentially Dangerous Dog	\$100	
Registration Fee - Dangerous Dog	\$150	
Veterinarian Fees and Medications during Boarding/Impoundment if required	Cost	Actual Costs Charged

B1.2. Accounting requirements imposed by the State of Washington require that all fees included in the Unified Fee Schedule be appropriately accounted for. To comply with this requirement the Contractor will be required to submit a monthly report detailing all fees collected. This report will be delivered to the County Executive.

B1.3. Contractor's Fees: The Contractor shall report the amount of fees collected on the quarterly report submitted to the County. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the collection of the following fees as approved through the County Unified Fee Schedule:

1. License fees.
2. Spay/neuter clinic revenue paid to the Contractor/veterinarian.
3. Purchase charges related to the adoption of animals.
4. Vaccination clinic revenue paid to the Contractor/veterinarian.
5. Other similar or like fees as approved by the County.

B1.4. The County shall assist the Contractor in recovering exceptional costs from owners or other responsible parties, for the care of animals taken into custody or maintained by the Contractor, on behalf of the County. The appropriateness and the extent of action taken or to be taken by the County shall be determined by and at the sole discretion of the County.

**B-2. Consideration:** As consideration for the services provided the County agrees to reimburse the Contractor as follows:

B2.1. An annual sum not to exceed:

- January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024 Nine Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen to be paid in 24 equal monthly installments of \$38,847
- Total reimbursement for a 2-year service contract shall not exceed \$932,318.

B2.2. Unless specifically approved by County Council as a part of animal control and license fees, the Contractor shall be responsible for the administration of any and all animal licensing programs. All animal control and license fees, listed in Section B1.1 will be collected and retained by the Contractor as outlined in B1.3 and reported to the County as outlined in B1.2.

B2.3. The Contractor shall bill the county quarterly for after-hour call outs located in unincorporated Whatcom County specifically requested by Whatcom County Law Enforcement (Whatcom County Sheriff, EMT or other law enforcement agencies). Copies of these calls/reports will be provided to the County on a quarterly basis.

B2.4. All payments under this Agreement are considered reimbursement for services rendered. Request for each monthly payment shall be by invoice showing what services were rendered so as to comply with auditing requirements. The County agrees to make payment for services provided promptly in accordance with the County's customary procedures.

**EXHIBIT "C"**  
Program Budget

**WHATCOM HUMANE SOCIETY**

Budget Narrative – Animal Control Services	2025	2026
Wages-Shelter Services	263,244.00	263,244.00
Wages-Animal Control & Licensing	168,256.40	168,256.40
Wages-Veterinary Services	53,069.20	53,069.20
Wages-Administration/Facility	80,446.80	80,446.80
Subtotal-Wages	565,016.40	565,016.40
<b>Shelter Services Expenses</b>	83,200.00	83,200.00
Includes animal food, animal disposal, medical supplies/services, vaccinations microchips, and farm facility food and supplies		
<b>Animal Control &amp; Licensing Expenses</b>	54,000.00	54,000.00
Includes insurance, radio/pager, postage telephone, supplies, vehicle maintenance and fuel		
<b>Veterinary Services Expenses</b>	20,000.00	20,000.00
Includes medical supplies, professional services		
<b>Administration/Facility Expenses</b>	39,400.00	39,400.00
Includes cleaning and general supplies, utilities repair and maintenance		
<b>Total</b>	761,616.40	761,616.40
<b>Donor Contribution</b>	-295,457.40	-295,457.40
<b>Whatcom County Annual Expense</b>	466,159.00	466,159.00
<b>TOTAL WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT COST</b>		932,318.00

Contractor collects and retains additional fees including: impound, board, license, and other fees outlined in the UFS. Contractor bills county quarterly for approved after-hours emergency calls outlined in contract.

## Exhibit D

### Whatcom County Contractor's E-Verify Declaration Form

#### I. CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Contractor Name:		Phone:	
Contact Person:		Fax:	
Address:			

#### II. E-VERIFY ENROLLMENT (check box and submit copy of MOU for verification)

Contractors with funded contracts of \$100,000 or more must be enrolled in E-Verify system. Work related subcontract is \$25,000. or higher. [www.uscis.gov/e-verify](http://www.uscis.gov/e-verify)

☐ Contractor is enrolled in E-Verify; copy of the signed E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding is attached.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am authorized to bind this entity contractually.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**EXHIBIT E**  
**CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**

**WHATCOM COUNTY**  
**Executive Office**  
311 Grand Avenue, Suite 108  
Bellingham, WA 98225



**Satpal Sidhu**  
County Executive

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive  
Whatcom County Council

**FROM:** Tawni Helms, Administrative Coordinator

**RE:** Animal Control Services Agreement

**DATE:** November 21, 2024

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Enclosed for your review and approval is a contract between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Humane Society for the provision of animal control and shelter services.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County will contract with Whatcom Humane Society for the purpose of providing animal control and shelter services in compliance with Whatcom County Code and statutes as described in Exhibit A.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026 an annual sum not to exceed Four Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$466,159) per year is to be paid in 12 monthly installments (\$38,847).

Total compensation for a 2-year service contract shall not exceed \$466,159 per year, for a total not to exceed \$932,318 in two years consistent with the 2025-2026 biennial budget.