RESOLUTION NO. 2012-73

A RESOLUTION OF RADNOR TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND FRANCISVALE HOME FOR SMALLER ANIMALS ESTABLISHING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE COLLECTION AND CARE OF STRAY OR ABANDONED ANIMALS.

WHEREAS, Radnor Township, through its animal control officers or other authorized employees or agents, collects stray or abandoned animals and desires to place those animals with an appropriate care facility; and

WHEREAS, Radnor Township, Francisvale Home for Smaller Animals have come together to collaborate and form a partnership for the protection, care and placement of stray animals; and

WHEREAS, the Partners have agreed to enter into a collaborative agreement in which Radnor Township will be the lead agency; and

WHEREAS, the Partners herein desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the services to be provided by collaborative effort.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, be it hereby **RESOLVED** that the Radnor Township Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Memorandum of Understanding attached.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board authorizes the Township Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of Radnor Township.

SO RESOLVED, this 18th day of June, 2012.

RADNOR TOWNSHIP

By:

Name: William A. Spingler

Title: President

ATTEST:

Robert A. Zienkowski, Secretary

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") is made this 18th day of June , 2012 by and between RADNOR TOWNSHIP and FRANCISVALE HOME FOR SMALLER ANIMALS.

BACKGROUND

A. RADNOR TOWNSHIP

Radnor Township remains a community that is proud of its heritage and that still reflects many of the values of its settlers of over 300 years earlier. It is a place of ethnic, cultural, and economic diversity, with neighborhoods full of residents that love to call Radnor their "home," with a public school system that has been rated as one of the finest in the nation; with a vast network of lush parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields; with a long-standing tradition of demanding and receiving high-quality local government services.

This is the Radnor Township of yesterday and today, the Radnor Township that is building foundations for the 21st century, the Radnor Township that is the Best Place to Live in the Philadelphia Region! By entering into this agreement, the Township will be able to control costs compared to entering into an agreement with the Animal Coalition of Delaware County.

B. FRANCISVALE HOME FOR SMALLER ANIMALS

1. The Beginning

The story of Francisvale began in Philadelphia on a wintry night in 1897. Dr. and Mrs. George McClellan were riding to the theater when they noticed a shivering puppy huddled under a snow bank by the side of the road. Stopping their carriage they adopted the dog on the spot and named him Francis. He developed into such a fine pet that Mrs. McClellan decided to do something for other stray dogs, acquiring the tract of land in Radnor where Francisvale now stands.

Through the kind generosity of neighbors, the property was expanded from the original 11 acres to the present 16 acres. Francisvale has been in continuous operation as a non-profit refuge for smaller animals since it was first incorporated in 1909.

2. Mission

Francisvale's mission is to operate a no kill shelter, accepting adoptable cats and dogs and providing loving care while looking for permanent homes.

3. Purpose

- Sheltering and placing abused, unwanted and abandoned companion animals.
- Educating the community to raise the public's awareness of the plight of

- homeless animals as well as realizing the benefits of adopting an animal in need.
- Ensuring that all pets receive any medically necessary treatment, including being spayed/neutered.
- Placement in carefully screened homes.
- Advocacy and outreach.
- Manage and operate a pet cemetery.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereto agree as follows:

A. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Radnor Township will provide for the immediate detention of the stray dog/cat and will attempt to ascertain license and ownership information of the animal. This will be accomplished by checking for registration information either via collar registration, rabies tag information or by scanning for microchip by a qualified scanning device.
- 2. Radnor Township will attempt to return the stray dog/cat to its owner as soon as possible but if unable to return the dog/cat the following actions will be taken as warranted:
- a. Radnor Township will furnish to Francisvale the police incident number for the report along with the time, date of recovery and the general location point where the animal was found.
- b. Radnor Township will arrange temporary care and custody for the dog/cat for a minimum of ten days.
- 3. After ten days if the dog/cat has not been claimed by the owner, Radnor Township and Francisvale will seek long-term options and placement of the stray dog/cat. This placement will be solely with Francisvale Home for Smaller Animals ("FHSA").
- 4. Radnor Township will give FHSA full responsibility of the licensed or unlicensed dog/cat after the appropriate detention period has elapsed and the dog/cat will become eligible for adoption through FHSA.
- a. Radnor Township or an authorized agent for the Township will transport any stray dog/cat as required to Francisvale and provide a current rabies vaccination certificate and veterinary health assessment.
- b. Radnor Township's transfer of the dog/cat to FHSA constitutes a transfer of all rights and interest in the dog to FHSA.
 - 5. In consideration of the services of FHSA pursuant to this Agreement, Radnor

Township will make a donation to FHSA as set forth below and Radnor Township will place FHSA on its annual leaf removal program at a donated cost of \$500.00 per year. Additionally, the Township will provide for two new streetlights along the frontage of FHSA, if feasible.

B. TERM

- 1. The term of this MOU shall run from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.
- 2. The parties' agreement is limited to the jurisdictional boundaries of Radnor Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

C. <u>DONATION</u>

Radnor Township will provide to FHSA for their participation in this partnership a donation of \$300.00 within a week of delivery for each dog delivered to FHSA. This donation will not exceed \$2,500.00 in the calendar year of 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

RADNOR TOWNSHIP

By:

Name: William A. Spingler

Title: President
Date: 06/18/2012

FRANCISVALE HOME FOR SMALLER ANIMALS

Name:

By:

Title:

Date:

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