

C-79-19-062-M-00
Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Maricopa County Animal Care and Control and Hope Emergency Animal Rescue

The objective of this MOU is to forge a partnership between Maricopa County Animal Care and Control and Hope Emergency Animal Rescue for the purpose of providing emergency medical care for the "at risk" pets of Maricopa County, including injured, abused and sick animals. This partnership represents a commitment to increase lifesaving through shared missions and includes opportunities for information sharing, education assistance and other efforts to weave a stronger safety net for the pets of Maricopa County.

For the initial phase of this partnership, H.E.A.R. has committed to provide a monthly restricted donation to purchase medicine to treat Valley Fever and Tick Fever in the pet population at MCACC. By proactively testing for and treating these very prevalent and serious diseases, these pets can regain their chances of finding loving, forever homes.

MCACC will provide H.E.A.R. with a monthly report detailing how the funds were spent. Copies of receipts for the purchases of the medicines along with the number of animals being treated and their outcomes will be included. Whenever possible, photos and additional information about the pets will also be shared.

Valley Fever

The proper name of this disease is "coccidioidomycosis." Caused by a soil-dwelling fungus known as "coccidioides immitis" it is most often called Valley fever. Dogs appear to be very susceptible to Valley Fever because they sniff the ground and dig in the dirt, potentially inhaling large numbers of spores at a time, which settle in the lungs. The disease is not contagious. Symptoms include a harsh dry cough, fever, lack of appetite, lethargy or depression. If the disease has spread beyond the lungs, it may cause swollen, painful joints, lameness and weight loss. Fluconazole is an antifungal antibiotic used to treat Valley Fever. Courses of medication average 6-12 months in the form of twice-daily pills or capsules. Severe cases may require lifetime treatment.

Fluconazole costs \$31.60 per bottle and contains 30 tablets of 200 mg each. At a dose of 3 tablets per day, one bottle will last 10 days. Each dog being treated will require 3 bottles per month, at a cost of \$94.80 per dog.

Pre- and post- testing for Valley Fever would cost approximately \$100 per dog.

Tick Fever

Lone Star tick bites and brown dog tick bites introduce the bacteria that cause Tick Fever. Symptoms include respiratory troubles, bleeding problems, diarrhea, vomiting and neurological issues. Tick fever can be treated easily and inexpensively with antibiotics if it is caught early. Dogs and people cannot catch tick fever from dogs.

Bravecto is a single dose chewable oral flea and tick treatment for dogs and works for a full 12 weeks to protect dogs from fleas and ticks. It is fast-acting, safe for puppies over 6 months and 4.4 lbs, and works effectively on pregnant and lactating dogs. The cost is approximately \$33 per dog.

Prices quoted above may vary and are subject to change.

Indemnity: Each party (as "indemnitor") agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other party (as "indemnitee") from and against any and all claims, losses, costs or expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "claims") arising out of bodily injury of any person (including death) or property damage, but only to the extent that such claims are caused by the willful misconduct or gross negligence of the indemnitor, its officers, officials, agents, employees, or volunteers.

Israel: Each party certifies it is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the Agreement, and will not engage in, a boycott of Israel, as defined in A.R.S. § 35-393.

This MOU is at-will and shall remain in effect indefinitely, but may be terminated at any time without penalty by either party. The parties together may agree to make changes to the MOU deemed necessary to ensure that the mission remains the same. In addition, emergency medical or safety situations that may arise during the course of this partnership may be addressed within the framework of this MOU or may be treated as a sole and separate issue. To that end, each party will assign a point of contact for the duration of the relationship.

The parties enter into this MOU in the spirit of committed cooperation to both celebrate success together and work together to overcome hurdles and challenges.

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**MARICOPA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

BY:

Bill Gl

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Date: JAN 18 2019

ATTEST:

Fran McCarron

Clerk of the Board 010919

Date: JAN 18 2019

Approved as to form:

[Signature]

Deputy County Attorney

Date: 1/16/19