



City of Racine, Wisconsin Agenda BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

AGENDA DATES

Intro. to Council Date: November 18, 2025
Standing Committee Date: November 24, 2025
Final Action Council Date: December 2, 2025

PREPARED BY: Wynn Brown, Administrative Assistant
REVIEWED BY: Dottie-Kay Bowersox, Public Health Administrator

SUBJECT: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Department, requesting permission to continue the agreement with Wisconsin Humane Society (WHS) for Stray and Impound Animal Shelter Services in the amount of \$216,039.10. (Contract 2023056)

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

Since 2013, the City of Racine Public Health Department has facilitated the annual WHS contract. This contract includes sheltering, care, treatment, and humane disposal of stray, abandoned, and impounded animals located within the geographic limits of the City of Racine. Animal care specifically includes 24/7 admitting services; daily custodial care while sheltering; necessary and appropriate veterinary treatment; euthanasia and cremation services while abiding by the applicable statutory holding periods; seizures while assisting humane and/or law enforcement officials; holding of impounded animals per law enforcement and court systems, rabies control including quarantine and vaccination programs; redemption and licensing services. On an annual basis, WHS has provided over 900 adoptions, 400 reclaims with over 6,500 care days of primarily cats and dogs for the City of Racine.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Public Health Department be authorized to continue the agreement with Wisconsin Humane Society (WHS) for Stray and Impound Animal Shelter Services in the amount of \$216,039.10. (Contract 2023056)

FISCAL NOTE & BUDGETARY IMPACT: Contract payment is part of the 2026 Budget. (Account 120 – 52275)