



**City of Racine, Wisconsin**  
**Agenda BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

**AGENDA DATE:** November 11, 2024

**PREPARED BY:** Dottie-Kay Bowersox, Public Health Administrator

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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.

**Background and 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 6,000 care days of primarily cats and dogs for the City of Racine.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Contract payment is part of the 2025 Budget.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Department be authorized to continue the agreement with Wisconsin Humane Society for Stray and Impound Animal Shelter services.