

EXHIBIT A

SAWA Companion Animal Transport Best Practice

Animal Transport Memorandum of Understanding

This Animal Transport Memorandum of Understanding (this "MOU") is entered into as of this ____ day of ____, 2016 (the "Effective Date") and is made by and between _____, a _____ organization having an address of _____ (the "Source Agency") and _____, a _____ organization having an address of _____ (the "Destination Agency").

WHEREAS, Source Agency confirms its intent to transfer certain animals to the Destination Agency and confirms it is the rightful owner of any animals that may be transferred and that such animals have surpassed any applicable state or municipality required stray hold period; and

WHEREAS, Destination Agency has the desire, as well as the available space and sufficient resources, to take ownership and possession of the animals with the intent of finding permanent placement for the animals; and

WHEREAS, Destination and Source Agencies shall mutually arrange for the safe and humane transport of the animals ("Transport") through its own means or through the assistance of a reputable third party carrier; and

WHEREAS, Source Agency shall transfer, and Destination shall accept, all rights, ownership, control and responsibility of the animals in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration the receipt of which is acknowledged, the Agencies hereby agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. Confirmation of the Viability of a Transport Program

Both Agencies have reviewed and confirmed the following:

- a. Each Agency's motivation for participating in animal transport
- b. The impact on and capacity of each Agency to engage in animal transport

- c. The impact on and capacity of each Agency’s community if that Agency participates in animal transport
- d. A high likelihood of improving the outcome for animals if a transport program is implemented
- e. A strong commitment to transparent collaboration

2. Key Transport Program Elements

The transport program operates within these parameters:

- a. Public health and safety will be the primary concerns.
- b. Agencies will be registered 501-C-3 or municipal organizations.
- c. Agencies and all their representatives will abide by all local, state and federal regulations.
- d. Humane standards of care will be afforded to every animal being transported.
- e. Animal Transport Best Practices (Exhibit A) as outlined by the Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA) will be utilized to establish and improve the program.

3. Term

This MOU shall be effective as of the Effective Date written above and binding upon the Parties until the notice of termination is provided by either Party of this MOU. A 30-day notice of termination is desired but not required.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have, by their authorized agents, signed and delivered this Agreement as of the Effective Date set forth above.

 SOURCE AGENCY
 Signature: _____
 Print Name: _____
 Title: _____

 DESTINATION AGENCY
 Signature: _____
 Print Name: _____
 Title: _____