

Agreement

Among

The Michelson Found Animals Foundation, Inc.,

Stray Cat Alliance, and

The City of Long Beach

35653

This Agreement establishes the roles and responsibilities among The Michelson Found Animals Foundation, Inc. (FOUND ANIMALS), Stray Cat Alliance (SCA), and the City of Long Beach, through the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine Animal Care Services Bureau (LBACS), collectively known as "Parties".

I. PURPOSE & SCOPE

Spay and neuter continues to be one of the most effective methods of reducing shelter euthanasia, especially for cats. FOUND ANIMALS, SCA, and LBACS's (Parties) partnership began in 2014 to create a program that directly impacted shelter live release rates and euthanasia while also addressing the inability to shelter cats. This Return to Field Program (RTF) formally known as Shelter Neuter Return (SNR) entails sterilizing, vaccinating, and returning, healthy unowned shelter cats to the location of origin as an alternative to euthanasia. Along with Targeted Trap/Neuter/Return, the RTF results have been outstanding. Since 2014, cat euthanasia has been reduced by more than 60 percent at the Long Beach Shelter.

This partnership was meant to last five years with the goal to have LBACS fully absorb the program in year six. Over that period Found Animals provided over \$700,000 in grant funding allowing SCA and LBACS to RTF/TNR more than 4,600 cats. Due to ACS staffing changes, all Parties agreed to renew the grant for one more year.

Found Animals, SCA and LBACS would like to renew this partnership for one last year with the purpose of having LBACS fully absorbing the program effective April 1, 2021. A transition plan (Exhibit A) has been created by LBACS and all Parties agree that LBACS will implement the plan to complete a successful transition once funding ends March 31, 2021.

About FOUND ANIMALS

FOUND ANIMALS is a privately funded nonprofit organization dedicated to reversing the outcome for the three to four million animals euthanized each year in the United States. FOUND ANIMALS works alongside the animal well-being community to achieve one goal: find the big ideas that advance the safety of animals in our homes, our shelters, and everywhere in between. Found Animals' primary mission is "Saving Pets, Enriching Lives". From microchips and registration, to responsible adoption initiatives

AGREEMENT

Page 2

and low-cost spay and neuter, Found Animals is committed to delivering practical solutions that will ensure the health and safety of dogs and cats everywhere.

About SCA

SCA is a nonprofit organization with a mission “to educate and empower the community to advocate for every cat’s right to be safe, healthy and valued. We are building a no kill nation, one stray at a time.”

About LBACS

LBACS is the Animal Care Services Bureau in the City of Long Beach, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. LBACS provides animal care services for the City of Long Beach, as well as the cities of Cerritos, Seal Beach, Signal Hill, and Los Alamitos. LBACS has a mission “to serve, protect and shelter homeless companion animals. To place animals into humane environments. To promote responsible pet ownership and reduce animal overpopulation. And to celebrate the human-animal bond.”

Together, the Parties agree to enter into this Agreement to decrease shelter euthanasia of cats as follows:

II. PROGRAM

Return to Field (RTF) Program. This Program involves stray and trapped cats that are brought to the LBACS shelter by the public. Trapped and stray cats that qualify for this Program will be medically evaluated, altered, microchipped, vaccinated and treated for fleas by LBACS, then given to SCA with information regarding the origin of the cat. The cats will be taken to the area of their origin and released back to the community by SCA. This Program has been in operation for the last six (6) years, since 2014. It is LBACS’s desire to continue seeing lower populations of cats in the community resulting in lower shelter intake of cats, lower shelter euthanasia of cats, and lower field service calls regarding cats.

III. PROGRAM TASKS

The Parties agree to the following tasks:

- **FOUND ANIMALS** will fund SCA \$150 per cat for up to 1,000 cats obtained from LBACS from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.
- **SCA** will utilize best efforts to release and or TNR 1,000 cats (greater than three months of age) impounded by LBACS or trapped in the city of Long Beach and within any cities LBACS may contract with to provide shelter services.
- **LBACS** will:
 - Ensure qualifying cats are spayed, neutered, microchipped, given Feline Viral

Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Panleukopenia vaccine (FVRCP), and treat for fleas at its own cost.

- release all qualifying and sterilized shelter cats to SCA.
- take necessary steps to ensure the transition plan (Exhibit A) is being implemented to ensure LBACS will be fully set-up to absorb the program in April 1, 2021.

IV. TERM

The term of this Agreement is one (1) year from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. This Agreement is for the final extension for this Program.

V. PUBLICITY

In connection with the Programs and Tasks described above, no Party will use another Party's name, marks or logos in any advertising, promotional material, press release, publication, public announcements, or through other media, whether written or oral, without prior written consent of the other Parties.

VI. NO PARTNERSHIPS

No Party to this Agreement is authorized or empowered to act as agent for the other for any purpose and shall not on behalf of the other enter into any contract, warranty or representation as to any matter. Neither Party shall be bound to the act or conduct of the other.

VII. TERMINATION

This Agreement is binding on all Parties; however, any Party can terminate the Agreement so long as the terminating Party gives thirty (30) days written notice to the other Parties to this Agreement.

VIII. RESPONSIBILITIES

Each Party will appoint a person to serve as the official contact and coordinate the Program Tasks of each organization in carrying out the Agreement:

IX. INDEMNIFICATION

LBACS agrees to indemnify and hold harmless FOUND ANIMALS and SCA, its agents, employees and officials against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, costs, suits, or expenses arising out of any act or omission of any officer, agent or employee of LBACS arising from performance pursuant to this Agreement. FOUND ANIMALS, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless LBACS

AGREEMENT

Page 4

and SCA, its agents, employees and officials against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, costs, suits, or expenses arising out of any act or omission of any officer, agent or employee of FOUND ANIMALS, arising from performance pursuant to this Agreement. SCA agrees to indemnify and hold harmless FOUND ANIMALS and LBACS, its agents, employees and officials against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, costs, suits, or expenses arising out of any act or omission of any officer, agent or employee of SCA, arising from performance pursuant to this Agreement. The provisions of this Section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

X. CONTACT INFORMATION

The Michelson Found Animals Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Jonathan Chavez

Director of Grants

PO Box 1593

Culver City, CA 90232

j.chavez@foundanimals.org

Stray Cat Alliance

Ms. Christi Metropole

Executive Director

PO Box 661277

Los Angeles, CA 90066

Christi@strayanimals.org

Long Beach Animal Care Services

Ms. Staycee Dains

Bureau Manager

7700 E. Spring St.

Long Beach, CA 90815-1619

Staycee.Dains@longbeach.gov

AGREEMENT

Page 5

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed with all formalities required by law.

The Michelson Found Animals Foundation, Inc.:

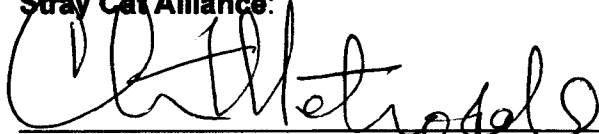


Brett Yates, Executive Director

17 August 2020

Date

Stray Cat Alliance:

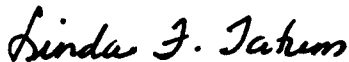


Christi Metropole, Executive Director

9/22/20

Date

City of Long Beach:



Thomas B. Modica, City Manager

10/19/2020

Date

EXECUTED PURSUANT
TO SECTION 301 OF
THE CITY CHARTER

APPROVED AS TO FORM

OCT. 15, 20 20
CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By _____


ARTURO D. SANCHEZ
DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

**EXHIBIT A
TRANSITION PLAN**

This plan outlines the transition from the Program with Found Animals and SCA to fully operational including all costs by LBACS beginning April 1, 2021.

LBACS agrees to the following process and practices:

1. New Intake/Admissions Process:

- a. LBACS to verify the member of the public (Person) who brought the unowned cat to LBACS. Person shall state the location from where the cat came from or was found.
- b. LBACS to identify the cat as a RTF candidate on intake by recording the following data:
 - If an unowned cat is found by a Person, LBACS to verify the cat's location found by recording the following options on their form and whether found inside or outside:
 - Person's home address
 - Person's workplace
 - Single family residence
 - Apartment/Condo
 - Mobile home park
 - Park
 - Other location
 - Person shall initial the following: "I UNDERSTAND STRAY/UNOWNED CATS MAY BE RETURNED TO THE LOCATION WHERE THEY WERE FOUND."

2. Surgery:

- a. If needed, surgery will be provided by LBACS within 72 hours of cat admission.
- b. Cats are verified as recovered by veterinary staff within 48 hours post-surgery, keeping the length of stay as low as possible to avoid the negative impacts to the cat.

3. Release:

- a. The qualifying sterilized cat shall be returned to the location where the cat was found after a minimum of 24 hours of recovery and before 72 hours post-surgery.
- b. LBACS updates its records.

Key Dates:

- November 2019: LBACS develops reports and automates Chameleon reporting system to push RTF flow.
- January 2020: LBACS develops training materials for RTF by January 31 and holds at least two volunteer/staff trainings in February/March covering:
 - How to use reports
 - Record keeping and data management
 - Shelter cleaning and cross-contamination containment
 - Cat behavior and stress identification
 - How to den cats
 - How to transport cats
 - How to identify problems with cats at release locations
 - How to release cats
 - How to report problems at release locations
- February – December 2020: staff and volunteers.
 - LBACS holds LBACS workshop training
 - SCA acts as primary releasing Party and LBACS staff and volunteers assist in order to receive on the job training in releasing, to learn the proper RTF releasing methods when the primary responsibility shifts to LBACS
 - ACS meets with LBACS once per month to review what is working and what needs improvement.
- March 2021: LBACS sets staff goals for improvement and monitor Program progress. SCA is able to exit the program effective March 31, 2021.