

# Agreement Between Lead Organization and Assisting Organization Providing for the Care of Animals Seized as Evidence in a Cruelty Case

*Note: Fill out in duplicate. One copy is to be given to the person/organization taking custody of the animals; the original should be retained by the agency organizing the rescue.*

\_\_\_\_\_, (the Lead Organization) and \_\_\_\_\_ (the Assisting Organization), in consideration of the promises made herein agree as follows:

1. The animals identified in Paragraph 2 have been seized pursuant to a court-ordered inspection of the premises of \_\_\_\_\_ located at \_\_\_\_\_ and will be held as evidence in a criminal case pending in the (city/county) of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The Assisting Organization shall provide, pending final disposition of the court case referred to in Paragraph 1, board, housing and routine veterinary care at the Assisting Organization's expense for \_\_\_\_\_ animals, identified by the following case numbers and genders:

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3. The Assisting Organization shall ensure that the above-identified animals are so housed that no breeding takes place and risk of injury to the animals is minimized. Males and females must be housed separately, and any animals that are incompatible with others must be housed singly.

4. The Assisting Organization shall assume all liability of property damage or personal injury caused by any animal identified in this agreement. The Assisting Organization shall indemnify, defend, and hold the Lead Organization, its officers, and employees harmless from and against any and all claims and liabilities arising out of any claims or suits, or threats of suits, which may be brought or made against the Lead Organization arising from damage or injury caused by any animal identified in this agreement.

5. The Assisting Organization further agrees to abide by any court order providing for the ultimate disposition of the animals. The Assisting Organization acknowledges that such a court order will either:

- a) allow the Assisting Organization to adopt out, or, as appropriate, euthanize the animals; or
- b) require the Assisting Organization to return the animals to the defendant.



6. In the event that the Assisting Organization is permitted to adopt out the animals, it shall sterilize the animals prior to adoption. If sterilization of the animals is not financially feasible for the Assisting Organization, it shall notify the Lead Organization of its need for financial assistance.

7. In the event the Assisting Organization notifies the lead Organization of its need for financial assistance, the Lead Organization agrees to help locate sources of funding to defray reasonable costs of spaying and neutering animals seized in connection with this case.

<b>For the Lead Organization</b>		<b>For the Assisting Organization</b>	
Signed	Date	Signed	Date
Print Name		Print Name	
Title		Title	
Address		Address	

