



February 22, 2024

**Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between The Women's Center of Wake County(TWC) and SPCA of Wake County, Inc**

The Women's Center of Wake County (TWC) and SPCA of Wake County, Inc (SPCA Wake) are entering into this Memorandum of Understanding to work together on TWC's new SAFE HAVEN program that targets a population of chronically unhoused people whose desire to remain with their pets may have prevented them from receiving safe shelter services in the past.

The Women's Center, located at 2200 New Bern Ave in Raleigh, serves marginalized single women experiencing homelessness, with histories of severe and persistent mental illness, sexual assault, violence, and trauma. TWC provides a warm, safe environment in which women have the opportunity to get back on their feet and find hope for a new life. Clients in the SAFE HAVEN program will have their own pet friendly single "pod" accommodation, where their pets can stay with them.

The SPCA of Wake County, located at 200 Petfinder Lane in Raleigh, works to transform the lives of pets and people through protection, care, education, and adoption. SPCA Wake's Community Impact department offers an array of people-focused programming that helps vulnerable populations keep their pets with their families and out of animal shelters. SPCA Wake is honored to help create the infrastructure and programming needed to accommodate pets as family members at TWC and to assist in the care and support of companion animals belonging to residents at TWC.

To that end, SPCA Wake agrees to:

Provide Pet Food and Supplies -- While a pet and its owner are in the TWC, SPCA Wake will regularly provide pet food and supplies including but not limited to: topical flea and tick treatments (over-the-counter preventatives unless pet has a prescription), pet treats, cat litter boxes, cat litter, leashes, collars, pet crates of various types and sizes, pet carriers, food and water bowls, toys and other enrichment items, and other pet supplies as needed or requested.

Veterinary Medical Care and Spay/Neuter Surgery – While SPCA Wake cannot provide ongoing direct veterinary care to owned pets, we do provide one time spay/neuter services and vaccines through the Saving Lives Spay/Neuter Animal Clinic, a program of SPCA Wake. If the client's pet is unaltered, SPCA Wake will provide spay/neuter surgeries through the Saving Lives Spay/Neuter Animal Clinic, at no charge to the pet owner. Arrangements for these no-cost surgeries must be made directly between the Pet Owner and the Saving Lives Spay/Neuter Animal Clinic.

If a client's pet is unaltered and they have received food and supplies for three consecutive months, we will ask that they arrange a free spay/neuter surgery with SPCA Wake's program at the Saving Lives Spay/Neuter Clinic to remain eligible to continue to receive services from SPCA Wake.

Foster Care -- On an occasional, emergency basis, SPCA Wake may be able to arrange temporary foster care for one of WCWC's client's pets. In those cases, a separate Temporary Surrender and Foster Agreement must be executed between SPCA Wake and the pet owner.

This agreement is contingent on available resources at SPCA Wake.

TWC agrees to:

Alert the SPCA as early as possible when supplies need replenishing, provide disclosure about a client's animal's altered or intact status, keep an open communication about the SAFE HAVEN program, and allow SPCA Wake to communicate about the program and our role in it to our constituencies.

This MOU is valid for a period of one year but may be extended upon the agreement of all parties. This MOU will continue at the agreement of both parties and may be cancelled by either party in writing at any time.

SPCA Wake Authorized Representative



Signature:

Date: 2/26/2024

TWC Authorized Representative

Signature:



Date:

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