

**EXHIBIT A**

The Association Companion Animal Transport Model Practice  
**Animal Transport Memorandum of Understanding**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Destination Organization 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 Organization agrees that no animal currently in its facility (or otherwise in its possession or custody) will be euthanized to make space for any animals identified herein; 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 Organization 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 Organization's motivation for participating in animal transport
- b. The impact on and capacity of each Organization to engage in animal transport
- c. The impact on and capacity of each Organization's community if that Organization 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 Association for Animal Welfare Advancement (The Association) 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 written notice of termination is provided by either Party of this MOU. A 30-day notice of termination is desired but not required.

- 4. Customized specific elements of the agreement between the parties.

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

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 SOURCE ORGANIZATION  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 DESTINATION ORGANIZATION  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_