



## Placement Partner Agreement

The mission of Austin Animal Services is:

- To provide public service and a safety net for lost and homeless animals in the community by providing necessary food, water, shelter and standard municipal veterinary care for animals in need.
- To provide placement services that will assist lost, homeless or sheltered animals to their homes or find new homes when necessary, to provide live outcomes for at least 90% of sheltered animals annually.
- To enforce animal regulations and assist the public with animal-related concerns, including impoundment, quarantine and other rabies control services in order to protect citizens and animals in our community.
- To provide animal services to the public in order to educate and prevent animal homelessness and promote humane, compassionate treatment of animals and responsible pet ownership.”

It would be impossible to meet this mission without the support and contributions of placement partners. The City of Austin is committed to providing resources to support the Placement Partner Program. The guidelines below describe the mutual agreement between the City of Austin and its partners to promote and protect the placement and welfare of animals in our community.

### Guidelines

- The placement partner agrees to comply with any applicable city, state or federal laws including, but not limited to, registering all animals accepted from AAC in the appropriate jurisdiction (if applicable) and reporting **all** bites to the local animal/rabies control authorities.
- The placement partner agrees to meet humane housing and care standards, and agrees to provide isolation space when an animal first enters the foster home.

- Minimum medical care standards will include a wellness check and ongoing wellness/preventive care.
- Animals will not be used for breeding purposes. Animals will not be placed with organizations that intend to use the animals for commercial purposes.
- The placement partner will only adopt out neutered animals with the exception of reasons related to medical problems or age. The placement partner will also adhere to due dates for neutering or provide veterinary evidence for extensions.
- All dogs and cats will receive a microchip prior to transfer to placement partner. The placement partner will update the City of Austin microchip records for animals that have been placed or transferred.
- The placement partner will provide the City of Austin with disposition information of transferred AAC animals upon the City's request.
- AAC will provide all available medical and behavior information for animals transferred to partners. Partners assume full responsibility for animals transferred to their ownership.
- Placement partners are required to provide full disclosure of any significant behavioral or medical problems to any adopter, transfer partner, or sheltering agency regarding prior to placement of the animal.
- The placement partner agrees to pick-up animals at the committed date and time.
- AAC commits to notifying placement partners in addition to the registered owner when an animal previously transferred to a placement partner comes into the shelter.
- Newly formed placement partner groups will provide evidence that one or more of the principals who have the authority to set the group's policies have at least 6 months of experience in animal rescue, or that they have arranged for an established group to mentor them for the first 6 months that they are in operation.
- AAC has the final say in all decisions (adoption, rescue, euthanasia, return-to-owner, etc.) for all animals.
- The placement partner in accepting animals from AAC does not give up any right to due process by law regarding access to property or entry to property. However, the group may be placed on hold status until a problem or concern is resolved, which may necessitate a site visit.

- I understand that if my application for participation in this placement program is denied or suspended, I can appeal this decision to the Chief Animal Services Office.

As a placement partner with AAC I hereby agree to abide by the terms of this agreement and to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Austin and Travis County from any and all claims or causes of action that may arise out of acting as a placement partner with the Austin Animal Center.

Placement group name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative from group: \_\_\_\_\_ (print name)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Austin Animal Center approves \_\_\_\_\_ as a registered placement partner.

AAC Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ (print name)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Trader Registration completed:  Date: \_\_\_\_\_