

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - EXTENSION
BETWEEN MONTAGUE COUNTY, TEXAS AND
MONTAGUE COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) made the 10TH day of February, 2026 by and between Montague County, Texas (hereinafter "Montague"), a governmental entity, and Montague County Animal Rescue, 501c3 (hereinafter "MCares"), non-profit organization, for the purpose of continued operations of an animal shelter and providing associated animal rescue services for Montague County, Texas.

I. TERM

The term of this MOU is one (1) year. The term shall begin on the date this MOU is executed by all parties and expire one (1) year from that date. This MOU may be terminated by either party without cause with ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.

II. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this MOU is to continue operations of an animal shelter for Montague County, Texas. Said shelter shall provide services associated with animal shelters, including but not limited to housing and maintaining stray and/or abandoned animals in a manner that promotes humane animal welfare and protects public safety.

III. AGREEMENT

Montague agrees to furnish real property located at 704 FM 455, Montague, TX as the facility for the shelter. Montague shall insure said property with general liability insurance. Montague shall furnish the associated utilities, as well as internet access and technical support at the shelter facility. Montague shall maintain the roadway for access to the shelter facility. Montague agrees to provide an Animal Control Officer employed by the Montague County Sheriff's Office, including a vehicle equipped for transporting animals. Montague agrees to provide a full-time county employee to serve as the shelter operations manager based on a standard 40 hour work week.

MCares agrees to provide shelter personnel. MCares agrees to establish basic policy and procedures for shelter operations. MCares agrees to coordinate, manage and supervise shelter volunteers. MCares will support caring for sheltered animals, rescue placement and foster coordination.

Montague and MCares agree that two (2) free standing kennels shall be reserved for law enforcement use only. MCares will provide care for animals placed in these kennels in the same manner as all other animals.

IV. LAW

The construction, validity, performance, and effect of this MOU will be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

This MOU represents the entire agreement between MONTAGUE and MCares and may be amended only by written agreement signed by both parties.

V. NOTICE

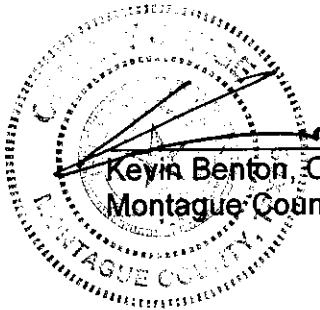
All notices shall be in writing and addressed to:

To Montague County: Office of the County Judge
P.O. Box 475
Montague, Texas 76251

To Montague County Animal Rescue: 704 FM 455
MONTAGUE, TX
76251

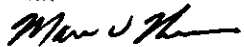
VI. AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURES

We, the undersigned, agree as to the terms and conditions of this Memorandum of Understanding.




Kevin Benton, County Judge
Montague County, Texas


Melody Gillespie
Montague County Animal Rescue, 501c3


Marshall Thomas, Sheriff
Montague County, Texas