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News Release

County to Continue Providing Animal Control Services to Monroe

July 17, 2012, Monroe, NC – The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday approved an interlocal agreement with the City of Monroe to continue providing animal control services to the City.

The Union County Sheriff's Office operates an Animal Services Bureau at 3340 Presson Road in Monroe that provides animal impoundment and other services throughout Union County. The City of Monroe employs animal control officers who enforce Monroe's animal control ordinances including seizure and impoundment of animals.

For years, the County's Animal Services Bureau has performed certain services for Monroe such as animal impoundment, rabies testing and euthanasia. The bureau handles a significantly higher number of animals from Monroe than any other municipality in the county.

As part of the agreement, the City of Monroe will pay \$26,000 annually to the Sheriff's Office to provide the following services:

- Receive, impound, shelter, feed, clean and disposition all animals handed over to the Animal Services Bureau by Monroe animal control officers or other staff
- Euthanasia for animals impounded by Monroe consistent with the County's euthanasia policies and state law
- Furnish supplies and rabies testing as required by the state including proper paperwork and documentation
- Impound and quarantine animals as requested by Monroe's animal control officers
- All other services normally provided by animal shelters

The five-year interlocal agreement is perpetual and requires no additional renewals by the County and Monroe. However, either party can terminate the agreement, without cause, after the initial five-year term upon 12 months prior written notice to the other party.

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