MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE GREEN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
and
THE GREEN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

This Memorandum of Understanding is between the Green County Health Department and the Green County Humane Society, Inc. in order to insure the orderly and efficient handling of stray dog or cats in bite cases.

The purpose of Memorandum of Understanding is to coordinate efforts and comply with Section 95.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The local health department, local law enforcement, and humane society, shall work collaboratively towards rabies control. In entering into this agreement, all parties recognize the need to promote the integration of services in the prevention of rabies infection.

The Green County Humane Society, Inc. shall:

1. Upon identifying a bite incident, contact local law enforcement to report the bite incident in order for an investigation to be initiated.

2. Comply with an issued bite order and send completed and signed order to Green County Health Department Health Officer.

3. Once a stray cat has been captured or killed without injury to the head of the animal, transport it to a local veterinarian for initial evaluation. Stray cats shall be quarantined at the Green County Humane Society. Stray dogs shall not be quarantined at the Green County Humane Society.

4. The Green County Humane Society shall be responsible for the quarantine fees and expenses related to stray cats. Green County shall be responsible for the quarantine fees and expenses related to stray dogs, except the Green County Humane Society shall be responsible for the fees and expenses if the stray dog bite incident occurred at the Green County Humane Society.

5. If any questions remain as to the incident consult with the Green County Health Officer, RoAnn Warden at (608)328-9390 (office) or (608)588-5387 (cell) or designee. For questions regarding processing of animals you may also contact:
   - WI State Lab of Hygiene Rabies Unit@ (888)494-4324
   - Jim Kazmierczak, Bureau of Public Health rabies specialist@ (608)266-2154, or
   - Division of Public Health Southern Region Office@ (608)266-3500.
The **Green County Health Department** shall:

1. Once a bite order is reported by any local law enforcement agency shall contact the bite victim to interview, instruct on wound care as necessary, and assess his/her tetanus status.

2. Contact the Green County Humane Society to ascertain the quarantine status of stray cat or dog and the dates when the veterinarian checks will be done. Follow-up may include contact and consultation with the veterinarian of the dog or cat.

3. Upon receipt of the veterinarian's signed certificate or the results of testing from the State Lab of Hygiene, notify the victim as to the apparent rabies status of the offending dog or cat.

4. In the case of not being able to prove the dog or cat free from rabies or should the dog or cat be found positive for rabies, contact and consult with the victim and the victim's physician.

5. Keep a record of all follow-up in the Health Department subject to the Green County policy on record retention.

This agreement remains in effect until terminated in accordance with this provision, or until such time as state or federal law invalidates the agreement.

RoAnn Warden, Health Officer  
Green County Health Department  
Date \(7-1-13\)

Paul Barrett, President  
Green County Humane Society, Inc.  
Date \(7-1-2013\)