

INTER-LOCAL/MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

THIS CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016, by and between RABUN COUNTY, GEORGIA and SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA and on behalf of each said governing body, to be effective when fully executed on behalf of each of the parties hereto.

WHEREAS, Rabun County and Sky Valley have a common need for animal control services; and

WHEREAS, Rabun County has enacted certain animal control ordinances for the governing of its animal control objectives; and

WHEREAS, Rabun County has made provisions for hiring an animal control officer; and

WHEREAS, Rabun County has in fact contracted for the employment of an animal control officer with PAWS 4 Life, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Sky Valley has needs similar to Rabun County's for animal control services; and

WHEREAS, the needs for animal control services is not so great as to necessitate the hiring of a full-time animal control officer by both Rabun County and Sky Valley; and

WHEREAS, Rabun County and Sky Valley both agree that both entities would be best served by sharing an animal control officer; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that each party's foremost responsibility is to their own citizens, hence the provisions of this agreement shall not be construed to impose any unconditional or undue obligation upon any party to this agreement; and

WHEREAS, both parties agree, as to animal control services, to "hold harmless" the other except in cases of gross negligence or in situations where actions are not those as would be expected by reasonable person in the same or similar circumstances; and

WHEREAS, all parties agree that there will be no reimbursement by Sky Valley to Rabun County for animal control activities outlined in this agreement unless otherwise specified in another outstanding agreement between these governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, all parties agree that each entity will be solely responsible for any and all cost arising from any Workers Compensation claims and/or injuries that are incurred by an animal control officer working within that parties territorial limits; and

WHEREAS, Sky Valley agrees to enact animal control ordinances which are similar to Rabun County's in the interest of uniformity; and

WHEREAS, Rabun County agrees to negotiate with PAWS 4 Life, Inc. for the providing of animal control services within Sky Valley, Georgia.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that Rabun County will provide Sky Valley with the ability to utilize the services of its animal control officer provided that Rabun County can successfully negotiate such an arrangement with PAWS 4 Life, Inc. and also provided that Sky Valley adopts animal control ordinances similar to Rabun County's. Furthermore, Rabun County's animal control officer will not answer any request for animal control services within Sky Valley unless such request originates directly from the Sky Valley mayor, or in his absence, a member of the Sky Valley City Council.


Animal control will handle all dog bite cases in Sky Valley. This agreement will only apply to animal control matters involving domestic pets and will not apply to any matters concerning wildlife.


This agreement must be legally adopted by the governing bodies of the parties hereto before it becomes in force and effect. This agreement shall remain in full force and effect for 12 months after the date of its adoption, at which time this agreement will automatically renew for an additional one year each and every year thereafter unless either party gives notice of its intent to terminate this agreement to the other party within 60 days from the termination date of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first written above.

Rabun County, Georgia

Sky Valley, Georgia

  
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Greg James, Chairman 8-23-16  
Rabun County Board of Commissioners

  
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Miguel Goodgame, Mayor  
Sky Valley, Georgia