

**2019 CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL HOLDING FACILITY**

This contract made on 04/01/2019 by and between the Town of Bristol, Vermont hereinafter called the "TOWN" and Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society, Middlebury, Vermont, hereinafter called "HOMEWARD BOUND".

HOMEWARD BOUND and the TOWN agree to the following beginning April 1, 2019 and ending March 31, 2020 for the holding and disposing of stray dogs: (Please circle desired option)

## Option 1

- ❖ The TOWN agrees to pay \$450 in full with the returned contract plus \$75.00 per stray dog after the first three dogs. HOMEWARD BOUND will bill the TOWN via quarterly invoice. This invoice will include the date the dog was accepted, the date the dog was released or otherwise disposed, and the amount due, if any.

## Option 2

- ❖ The TOWN agrees to pay a flat rate of \$600 with no charge per stray dog and no limit as to the number of stray dogs the TOWN may bring to HOMEWARD BOUND.

The purpose of this contract is to:

- increase the number of stray dogs being returned to owners
- improve the general health and well-being of the canine population of Addison County
- be a resource for towns who need technical assistance around animal issues
- better coordinate resources to promote animal welfare and respond to animal related problems
- promote responsible pet ownership among the citizens of Addison County

HOMEWARD BOUND will accept stray, domestic canine animals from the TOWN. This CONTRACT **does not** provide for any holding period for dogs seized by the town due to town violations or for rabies observation. This contract is limited to stray dogs from the TOWN.

Stray dogs may be brought to HOMEWARD BOUND by the Animal Control Officer or any resident of the town. Upon receiving a dog, Homeward Bound will hold the dog for the state - mandated holding period and will make reasonable efforts to identify the owners (check tags for owner identification, scan dog for microchip, review reports received by Homeward Bound regarding lost dogs). If the owners are identified, HOMEWARD BOUND will attempt to contact the owners to inform them of the status of their dog. Any dog not claimed within the state-mandated holding period will be considered abandoned and HOMEWARD BOUND may use its discretion to release or otherwise dispose of the dog.

If the owner seeks to reclaim their dog, Homeward Bound requires the owner provide proof of current rabies vaccine and town license. If the owner is unable to provide proof of current rabies vaccination, Homeward Bound will arrange for the dog to be vaccinated and release the dog to the owner only after vaccination. If the owner provides proof of vaccination but is unable to provide proof of a current town license, HOMEWARD BOUND will release the dog to its owner upon receipt of a \$100 deposit. Within 5 business days, the owner must submit proof of having

