



COLLIN COUNTY

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To: Commissioners' Court

From: Misty Brown, Animal Services Division Manager

Xc: Bill Bilyeu, Collin County Administrator

Date: May 15, 2014

Re: Professional Services Agreement/ Cassie Meier DVM

We respectfully request that Commissioners' Court approve this Professional Services Agreement between Collin County Animal Services and Cassie Meier DVM. This Agreement will engage the services of Dr. Meier to provide spay and neutering and general medical services to Collin County Animal Shelter.

Dr. Tillery has been performing these services but has indicated he is likely to stop in the near future. He is only able to perform the services one day a week. Due to the timing of animals becoming available and the sheer volume, we need these services performed at least 3-days a week to try to keep ahead of adoptions. Having services performed several days a week increases the number of animals that get their rabies shot before they actually leave the shelter and more are altered before they leave (meaning fewer accidental pregnancies while waiting the 2-3 months that TCAP is backlogged.) Having a veterinarian on premises several days a week also allows us to have all of the shelter animals seen by a veterinarian which cuts down tremendously on expensive trips to outside veterinarians, disease outbreaks and needless suffering of animals with conditions that are not treatable or not feasibly treatable.

Dr. Meier visited the shelter approximately one year ago with 8 other veterinarians that were holding a training session at the Shelter. At that time, I approached all of the veterinarians that were here to try to get a contract with any of them. Since then, I have personally contacted 4 different veterinarians that are amenable to working with shelters to ask them to contract and/or to ask them to pass the request on to any of their other veterinarian acquaintances. Dr. Meier is the first (after more than a year) since Dr. Tillery that responded. Dr Meier routinely works with Rescues so she knows more about shelter animals and shelter medicine than do most other veterinarians in the area. Dr. Meier's pricing is in-line with that of TCAP, SPCA, Dr. Tillery and the Spay/Neuter Network (Ennis, Texas), which those are the only low-cost options in the area of which I am aware.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.