

BOROUGH OF ST. LAWRENCE

**ANIMAL CONTROL AGREEMENT RENEWAL for 2026
Safety Net Sanctuary**

RESOLUTION 924-2025

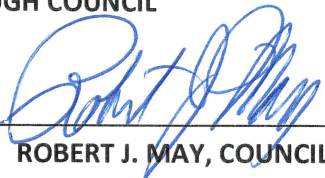
BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of St. Lawrence, Berks County, Pennsylvania, desires acceptance of the renewal contract of the Safety Net Animal Control agreement as contained in the attached documentation from Safety Net effective January 1, 2026.

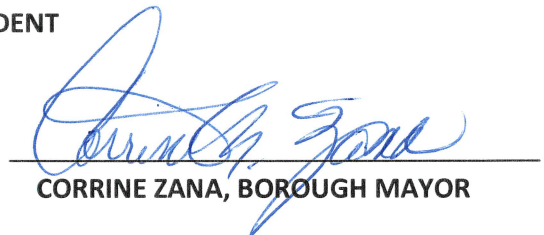
WHEREAS the Borough Council desires to provide adequate animal control, retrieval and transport for the Borough of St. Lawrence by Safety Net Animal Sanctuary for the calendar year of 2026 at the cost of \$3,000.00 as outlined in the attached agreement.

WHEREAS, IF IS FURTHER RESOLVED the Borough of St. Lawrence does accept the 2026 Animal Control Services Agreement between Safety Net Sanctuary of Fleetwood, Pennsylvania and the Borough of St. Lawrence.

PASSED AND APPROVED at the regular meeting of the St. Lawrence Borough Council, Berks County, Pennsylvania, held this 11th day of September 2025

ST. LAWRENCE BOROUGH COUNCIL



ROBERT J. MAY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

CORRINE ZANA, BOROUGH MAYOR

ATTEST:



AMANDA MUSO, BOROUGH SECRETARY

2026 Animal Control Services Agreement
Borough of St. Lawrence, Berks County,
Pennsylvania and Safety Net Sanctuary

This agreement is made of this 11th day of September 2025 by and between Safety Net Sanctuary; 187 Houck Road, Fleetwood PA 19522, and the Borough of St. Lawrence (Borough) 135 N Prospect St., Reading PA 19606.

WHEREAS, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and intending to be legally bound the parties hereto agree that:

WHEREAS, this agreement shall begin upon successful execution for the calendar year of 2026: January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

WHEREAS, Safety Net Sanctuary agrees to accept and care for stray or lost/escaped domestic animals originating from within the Borough's borders and to work with the Borough staff to coordinate retrieval and transport of such animals to Safety Net Sanctuary seven (7) days a week and not to exceed one (1) hour after capture (Hereinafter referred to as the "Outlined Services").

WHEREAS, Safety Net Sanctuary shall make all reasonable efforts to reunite an animal brought to its shelter with its lawful owner(s), or, if that is not possible to facilitate the adoption of the animal in the manner permitted by applicable law.

WHEREAS, Safety Net Sanctuary shall be required to provide proof of insurance, including General Liability, Commercial Liability, Workers Compensation, and Automobile Liability with St. Lawrence Borough provided with a copy of the Certificate of Insurance within thirty (30) days of acceptance and execution of this agreement, with the Borough named as an additional insured on such certificate.

WHEREAS, Safety Net Sanctuary shall have no responsibility or obligation to remove dead animals, domestic or wild, from roadways or private property.

WHEREAS, Safety Net Sanctuary is and shall be recognized as an independent contractor to the Borough, and none of its agents, officers or staff shall be construed as or represent themselves as employees of the Borough.

WHEREAS, Safety Net Sanctuary holds itself out as a no-kill animal shelter and it is understood that the euthanizing of an animal by a veterinarian shall only occur where an animal is in severe distress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED between the Borough of St. Lawrence and Safety Net Sanctuary, as follows:

1. The above WHEREAS recital clauses are incorporated herein by reference

and are deemed substantive and are fully binding on all parties and their heirs assigns and successors in interest.

2 The Outlined Services as defined and listed above shall be performed in exchange for a Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) expense to the Borough unless mutually agreed upon in writing signed by both parties due to disproportionate use of said services (e g services well beyond the level of service which has been customarily required by St. Lawrence Borough for animal control services equivalent to the Outlined Services).

3 Safety Net Sanctuary will not be responsible for the handling of rabid or hostile animals that present obvious signs of aggression and danger We are willing to address an aggressive dog issue but have the right to ask for assistance from law enforcement after assessment of the animal is completed, if needed. We also have a 24 hour drop off kennel available for the dogs, if needed.

4 Safety Net Sanctuary will not be responsible for the handling of feral cats, spay and neuter practices, and/or the handling and implementation of colonies of feral cats. We can provide live traps for TNR. We will assist with providing placement for stray cats and kittens depending on foster care space availability. STRAY CATS MUST HAVE A COLLAR OR BE MICROCHIPPED TO BE BROUGHT TO OUR FACILITY TO BE REUNITED WITH THEIR OWNERS.

5 Safety Net Sanctuary HAS THE ABILITY to be responsible for the investigation into any claims or accusations of animal cruelty or abuse within the Borough. Safety Net Sanctuary will also not be held responsible for medical care or the acceptance of animals in need of care, only at their discretion.

6. This agreement will be in effect for a period of one (1) year as set forth above. In the event that the Borough wishes to renew this Agreement the Borough shall give ninety (90) days notice of intention to renew the agreement with Safety Net Sanctuary, and state the terms of renewal. The Agreement may be terminated with thirty (30) days' notice in the event of a material breach thereof by either party.

7 Any notice under this Agreement shall be given by First Class U.S Mail to the respective parties at the following addresses:

Safety Net Sanctuary
187 Houck Road
Fleetwood PA 19522

Borough of St. Lawrence
135 N Prospect St.
Reading PA 19606

8. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

9. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties, and there are no


additional or conflicting representations, promises, or warranties between the parties.

10. This agreement shall be effective unless modified in writing, and signed by both parties.

DULY ENACTED THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

Borough of St. Lawrence

Safety Net Sanctuary



Allison Leinbach, Borough Manager

Lisa Poper, Owner

Attest:

Witness:



Amanda Muso, Borough Secretary
