Animal Rescue League
of Berks County, Inc.

October 17, 2017

The Animal Rescue League of Berks County is committed to serving our community in every way possible. Each year, thousands of homeless pets come through our doors. We are the primary resource for the investigation of animal cruelty and the only shelter in Berks County currently accepting all stray animals.

Our animal control service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year. These services include assisting municipal police departments on calls, investigating animal cruelty cases, and picking up stray and injured animals. These services are available to your township for an annual donation to the ARL. This will allow you to preserve the valuable resources of your law and codes enforcement officers by freeing up their time to deal with other matters of importance.

*Attached is a summary of our intake numbers, the number and type of services we have provided specifically to your municipality, including the number of strays we know of taken in, the number of Humane Police Officer and Animal Control Calls dispatched, and various other statistics that show the extent of the services we provide to our community.*

I ask you to please consider an increase in your donation to ARL for 2017. Only 12% of our funding comes from municipalities, but our largest expense is providing these services and the subsequent care required by the animals that come into our shelter. We do not make a profit from these services, but we do understand these services are a vital part of a safe community, and we hope that you agree.

We look forward to the continued cooperation between our organizations in our joint effort to improve animal welfare in Berks County. Enclosed you will find two agreements outlining the scope of our services. Please return a signed copy of one agreement along with a check payable to the *Animal Rescue League of Berks County,* and keep the other copy for your records.

Thank you for your help and dedication to providing care for Berks County's homeless pets!

Sincerely,

Liz McCauley, Executive Director
Animal Rescue League of Berks County

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The ARL's mission is to impact all aspects of humane treatment of animals through quality service, accommodation, and education of pet owners and the community.

# Presentation

# Maidencreek Township

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## Statistics

- Approximately 6,000 animals come through our door annually- 2/3 cats, 1/3 dogs and critters
- Average intake of cats is 500 per month during June, July and August
- 92% Live Release Rate for Dogs
- Open shelter- we do not turn anyone away even if they cannot afford our minimal fees
- Only shelter with a 24-7 Night Drop Off Building within an 80 mile radius
- ARL has taken in 3,759 stray animals in the last year
- There were 1,359 stray animals left in our night drop off that are of unknown origin
- There were 54 stray animals taken in from Maidencreek Township

## Animal Control/Humane Officer Services

- ARL employs 1 Full Time and 4 Part Time Animal Control Officers that provide service to the entire county
- ARL employs On-Call Staff that is available to the public 24-7 to answer distress calls and pick up stray or injured animals at any hour of the day
- ARL responded to 11,154 Animal Control and Humane Officer calls and complaints in the past year
- AC and HO responded to 12 calls in Maidencreek Township in the past year
- Provide answers and respond to 100's of calls every week from various municipalities

## Funding

- Of our $1.6 Million budget, only 12% of our funding comes from municipalities or government entities
- 62% of our funding comes from private donations and bequests
- Our biggest financial drains are the costs of veterinary care and the lack of fees collected from the public
- In 2016, Maidencreek Township donated $1,000.00 to ARL for services provided

## Programs

- ARL Angels Foster Program
- Patriotic Paws
- Partnership with 60 Rescue Groups
- Match.dog
- Low Cost Vaccine Clinics
- Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinics
- Educational programs throughout the county

## How Can You Help Us

- Consider an increase in the amount you allocate for ARL annually to help cover the costs of our services to your municipality
- Allow us the opportunity to educate your residents
- Consider a Trap-Neuter-Release Plan for Outdoor Cats

# How can we help you?

# AGREEMENT

This Agreement made this_____ day of _____20__, between the ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BERKS COUNTY, INC. hereinafter known as "ARL" and the Township of Maidencreek, a political subdivision existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereinafter known as "Municipality".

# WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS the ARL, is presently engaged in a non-profit function providing services and shelter to stray and abused animals;

WHEREAS the Municipality desires to provide for the proper animal control and protect the health and safety of its citizens;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Time of Performance. The Municipality shall ~~employ~~ contract with the ARL for a period of one Year commencing January 1, 2017, or as soon as a signed agreement is received through December 31, 2017 to provide services relative to stray, abused, injured and any other domestic animals, as shall be more fully set forth herein.
2. On a daily basis , the ARL shall investigate all complaints of violation of the Dog law, Cruelty Law (18 Pa.C.S.A. 5511)
3. Services Provided. The ARL shall perform services for the Municipality, which shall include the following:
    a. Provisions for shelter and board for stray domestic animals in accordance with State law.
    b. Provide an on call employee for twenty-four hour emergency service for injured stray domestic animals.
    c. Pickup service for all domestic animals during normal business hours: Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday—No Hours. **We will pick up domestic animals twenty-four hours a day in emergency situations only.**
    d. Keep all adoptable animals for as long as physically equipped to house them.

e. Disposal of stray animals at the discretion of ARL after the appropriate time at no additional cost to the Municipality. The ARL agrees to remove all dead animals from its premises at no cost to the Municipality.

f. The ARL shall have no responsibility or obligation to remove dead animals, domestic or wild, from roadways or private property within the Municipality.

g. The ARL does not pick up owned animals to be surrendered. If the owner of an animal is physically unable to bring the animal to us, ARL will charge the owner a pick up fee dependent upon the situation.

4. The ARL shall, to the best of its ability, conduct its function and operation in accordance with the ethics, rules and regulations set forth in its Charter and By-Laws. The ARL shall also operate in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in accordance with the established rules and regulations of the Municipality which do not in any way conflict with the normal course of operations of the ARL.

5. The ARL is an independent organization and in no way, directly or indirectly, shall the ARL be deemed an employee of the Municipality and none of its agents or officers shall be construed as, or represent themselves as employees of the Municipality.

6. The ARL shall be responsible to insure all employees for workers compensation coverage and all of its employees, vehicles and equipment for liability.

7. Termination: This agreement or any part thereof may be terminated for any of the following reasons:

   a. If unknown circumstances arise and both parties agree that it is in the best interest of all involved to terminate the contract.

   b. By the Municipality if the ARL violates any of the provisions of this contract.

   c. By the ARL if the Municipality violates any of the provisions of this contract

   d. At any time for any reason, other than a default by the other party under the terms of this contract as set forth in subsection (b) and (c) above, upon ninety (90) prior written notice by either party hereto.

8. This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

9. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties and any prior understanding or representation of any kind preceding the date of this Agreement shall not be binding on either party except to the extent incorporated in this Agreement.
10. The undersigned officer, agent, or employee of the Municipality and ARL represents and warrants that they have the authority to contract and bind the Municipality and ARL

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF:** The parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year written first above.

**MUNICIPALITY**

By:_____

Title:_____

**ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BERKS COUNTY, INC.**

By:_____

Liz McCauley, Executive Director