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FLUVANNA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES FSPCA POUND SERVICES CONTRACT

Troy, VA: The Fluvanna SPCA is pleased that the County returned to the negotiating table and was able to agree to the basic terms asked for by the FSPCA. The FSPCA will continue to provide pound services for Fluvanna County through June 30, 2012. The contract approved last night by the Board of Supervisors will also have to be voted on and approved by the FSPCA Board of Directors to formalize the deal.

In lieu of paying additional compensation during this 9-month contract period, the County will assume responsibility for ensuring the FSPCA facility and equipment are modified to comply with State Vet directives. If the costs of modifications required by the State Vet's office exceed a level the County is comfortable paying for, then the FSPCA will have the option of ending the pound services contract early in order to avoid fines from the State Vet's office.

The FSPCA will continue to be paid \$6,600 per month by the County—the same level of compensation since July 2010. Although this compensation level is still well below the actual costs that the FSPCA must cover in order to provide pound services, the FSPCA acknowledges the budget constraints the County is under for the current fiscal year. The FSPCA has made it clear to the County, however, that arrangements requiring the FSPCA to continue subsidizing the County's legal obligation to the Commonwealth of Virginia are not sustainable. In order for the FSPCA to continue providing pound services to Fluvanna beyond the current contract period, the County must provide compensation at a level that covers the actual costs of providing pound services.

The FSPCA has demonstrated that it can provide life-saving pound services—saving 92% of all animals taken in during 2010—at costs lower than what surrounding rural localities are paying; other nearby localities running their own pounds are paying more but are saving a lower percentage of animals than the FSPCA. The FSPCA sincerely hopes that County leaders will do what is best for taxpayers as well as the homeless animals of Fluvanna County by continuing the existing pound services partnership beyond June 2012 at a fair market rate of compensation. Going forward, the FSPCA plans to begin discussions with the County in early 2012 focusing on a longer term pound services agreement.

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