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To whom it may concern,

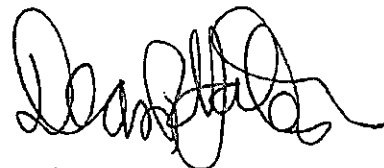
Beginning in 2011 the impoundment facility for the city of Carthage and Panola County has been located at Carthage Veterinary Hospital and has been under the advisement of Dr. Dean R. Yates. In the beginning, it was intended to be a holding facility for the city and county for stray animals to be held for 10 days, then humanely euthanized; with little focus on adopting out animals. Currently it still serves this purpose however, it has transitioned into increased success with adoptions and rescues. During the eight years that the impoundment facility has been located at Carthage Veterinary Hospital, the annual cost of care for the animals has increased year-to-year. More animals are reclaimed due to the efforts of our staff in posting animals' information on the Carthage Panola County Pound Facebook page. All animals are dewormed upon intake, as well as vaccinated if aged 10 months or younger in an effort to reduce parvo and other disease outbreaks. All animals are also evaluated for health & well-being; as well as for disease or injury. Annual dispositions for 2016, 2017, 2018, and year-to-date (September) 2019 are as follows:

Year	Total Intake	Adopted	Rescued	Reclaimed	City	County	Owner Surrender
2016	688	120	291	80	315	212	161
2017	769	74	243	76	272	341	155
2018	794	50	247	74	337	318	139
2019	715	31	160	57	278	330	107

In addition to the daily maintenance that the pound requires, there are also many other associated costs. These costs include but are not limited to salary for kennel technicians to clean seven days a week, drug costs (dewormer, etc.),

vaccination costs, run/cage upkeep, floor sealant, disinfectant products (bleach, Kennelsol, etc.), cell phone/camera usage for Facebook page upkeep, printer/ink/paper for photo identification for cages, controlled drug costs (actual drug purchases & DEA CD licensing), filling records requests, and general utility costs (water, lights, fans, AC/Heater). All have increased over the years and continue to increase. Also, a valuable service that Carthage Veterinary Hospital staff provides, is public relations which helps with the public's perception of the impoundment facility. The perception of the impoundment facility has become more positive in recent years, due to our success of placing animals out to adopters and rescue groups. Due to the rising costs of keeping the impoundment facility at the current level of care and to continue to provide the best care for the strays of Panola County and the City of Carthage, an increase to \$ 12,500.00 is respectfully requested, as well as two large chest freezers for holding of the deceased remains and a refrigerator to place in the pound for deceased specimens to be sent off for testing and/or wet/canned dog and/or cat food.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean R. Yates", written in a cursive style.

Dean R. Yates, DVM

Description of Service	Avg Cost per animal		
Dewormer	\$15		
Intake Vaccination	\$15		
Intake Exam	\$50		
Misc Medication	\$30		
Electricity for 10days holding animal, freezer electricity	\$20		
Disinfectant Usage	\$5		
Kennel Tech @ \$8/hr; 15 minutes to clean, rebed, feed, water animal twice daily	\$60.00		
Water Usage-water for animals, washing kennels, washing laundry, etc. -	\$0.50		
Misc Repairs of runs, floor sealant, cage repairs, fan repair, AC repair	\$20		
Computer/Facebook usage	\$8		
Printer/ink/paper	\$10		
Controlled Drug Costs	\$25		
Good will and perception of impoundment facility due to knowledgeable staff			<i>Hard to assign a value for good will</i>
Food; average of 10-12 oz twice daily for 10 days=15#s	\$12		Currently purchased from Hooper's Feed
	\$271		Total Avg per animal w/food purchase
	\$259		Total Avg per animal w/food donation
\$259 per animal at the rate of 688 for 2016=\$178,192			
\$259 per animal at the rate of 769 for 2017=\$199,171			
\$259 per animal at the rate of 794 for 2018=\$205,646			
\$259 per animal, 715 for 2019 year to date=\$185,185			