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CITY OF WACO ANNOUNCES TERMINATION OF THE ANIMAL SHELTER AGREEMENT WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF CENTRAL TEXAS

WACO, TEXAS (August 26, 2024)—The City of Waco has announced that on Friday, August 23, the Humane Society of Central Texas (HSCTX) and the City of Waco mutually decided to sign an agreement to terminate the Animal Shelter Services Agreement on September 6, 2024.

The City has contracted with the Humane Society of Central Texas since 2012 to provide adoption, foster, rescue, and volunteer coordination at the Waco Animal Shelter. Unfortunately, recent financial negotiations were not able to be resolved and a joint decision was made to terminate the agreement. The termination agreement establishes a two-week transition period for the HSCTX to leave the Animal Shelter campus.

The City of Waco is deeply committed to ensuring this transition is handled smoothly, with the continued safety and welfare of the animals in our care remaining our top priority. The City has maintained operations and animal care at the Animal Shelter since 2012. With two veterinarians on staff, we continue to be dedicated to the highest standard of care for the animals on our campus and in foster care. Preparations are already underway to assume the on-site responsibilities previously managed by the HSCTX, including adoptions, rescue, and foster opportunities.

Bradley Ford, City Manager, stated, "We are grateful for the partnership maintained with the Humane Society of Central Texas over the years and the many animals' lives saved in collaboration with our Animal Services staff. We are taking every necessary step to ensure a smooth transition and to uphold our commitment to animal welfare for our community and shelter partners. All services, including adoption, fostering, and volunteering, will continue at the same facility. I look forward to supporting the Humane Society of Central Texas in their future animal welfare role in the community."

Additional information regarding the transition will be provided as it becomes available.

For historical information about the operations at the Animal Shelter, please visit waco-texas.com/animalhistory

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