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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 24, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Craig Griesbach, Information and General Services Director**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving amendment No. 1 for a three-month extension of a professional services contract (between the County of Nevada and Sammie's Friends) for the provision of animal shelter services in an amount not to exceed \$296,316 for the period of July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025, and authorizing the Chair of the Board to execute the Amendment, contingent upon adoption of the fiscal year 2025/26 County Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution approving the three-month contract amendment of RES 24-346.

FUNDING: The contract total for July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025, will not exceed \$296,316. These services are included in the FY 25/26 Animal Shelter budget. There is no additional impact on the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: Animal shelter services are an essential part of the community, serving over 1,800 animals last fiscal year (51% increase) while facilitating close to 1955 adoptions (61% increase).

Sammie's Friends has provided contracted services to operate the Nevada County Animal Shelter since 2010. Their mission strives to improve the lives of animals in their care through adoptions, veterinary care, reuniting lost pets with their families, foster programs, and community outreach and education.

In the last year, the Nevada County Sheriff's Office, Information and General Services Department and Sammie's Friends have worked collaboratively to discuss and resolve challenges around increased animal intakes and steps to minimize disruption at the Shelter.

Sammie's Friends has continued to navigate challenges, including a statewide increase in the number of animals entering shelters and the rising cost of veterinary care. The County and Sammie's Friends remain committed to the shared mission of supporting animal welfare and are actively exploring ways to continue working together. As part of this effort, Sammie's Friends is focusing on

its core strengths and is in discussions with the County about piloting a hybrid program for the remainder of the year following the three-month extension. This collaborative approach aims to enhance the quality of care and outcomes for the animals served in our Community through essential animal care and management service to promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of animals in Nevada County and ensure implementation of outstanding community services.

Item Initiated by: Lorie Hennessey, Administrative Analyst II

Approved by: Craig Griesbach, Information and General Services Director