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Measure No. 1

Dear Friends and Supporters,

You have probably heard that the Board of Spokane County Commissioners has put Measure #1 on the November 8th ballot. Citizens in Spokane County will have the opportunity to vote on a new Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Shelter. SCRAPS has a looming need to replace its current 40 year old facility so that we can better serve the people and animals in our community. A taskforce has researched and recommended a new regional animal protection model. The model suggests that a warehouse near the Spokane County Fair and Expo Center can be retrofitted for a new regional animal shelter. The retrofit will save about 1/3 of the cost of a new building – saving taxpayers approximately \$5 million.

A new regional shelter will provide the public with one convenient central location for housing the community's stray animals, simplifying the process of find-

ing a lost pet. This could directly increase the number of pets being returned to their owners. A new regional animal shelter with modern air changes systems could also improve health and safety standards for the housing of stray animals.

The regional model additionally provides an opportunity for a shared adoption facility with a nonprofit shelter such as the Spokane Humane Society. This will increase visibility of adoptable animals in the community and could increase adoptions and reduce euthanasia of stray and abandoned animals.

SCRAPS currently partners with the Spokane Humane Society, transferring both dogs and cats to them for adoption – a great partnership that truly benefits the animals! SCRAPS goal is to end the euthanasia of adoptable pets through adoption, transfer, and spay neuter programs. SCRAPS continues to adopt animals from their current facility and is

looking forward to being in a more convenient and central location if Measure #1 is approved by the voters.

Aside from the excitement of the upcoming ballot issue for a new shelter – SCRAPS is busy with preparations for winter. We are gearing up for our annual dog house drive – so if you have a new or gently used dog house that you would like to donate – please drop it by the shelter. Animal care staff is busy winterizing the shelter, working with volunteers on enrichment for shelter animals all while keeping the shelter spotless!

SCRAPS is moving towards a better tomorrow for the animals-- A new shelter that will serve our community for another 40 years and all for only about \$1 a month! Thank you for your support of SCRAPS and our animals!

Nancy Hill, SCRAPS Director

Rescues & Transfers: Great Success!

Our transport/transfer program is showing itself to be a resounding success. With donor dollars SCRAPS was able to staff a part time position for a rescue coordinator.

Kathy Keeney is one of many people who make the rescue and transfer process happen. There are many days when she will share with staff how many animals she has sent to other adoption guaranteed facilities. One day

it will be 46 (“all in one vehicle!”), the next week it will be 35. The number changes but what does not is the great feeling that we are doing everything we can to find homes for all the pets that need them.

It is definitely a group effort with volunteers assisting with temperament testing the animals, volunteers to make the actual transfer often all the way across the state, and of course the rescue groups

that take the animals. It is truly a wonderful sight to see these transports leaving SCRAPS on a weekly basis.

Thanks to everyone who has given to make this program happen and special thanks to Kathy Keeney our SCRAPS Rescue Coordinator and her wonderful group of volunteers.

Spokane County Measure No. 1

Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Shelter Levy Fact Sheet

What would Measure No. 1 do?

The money raised by the levy (up to \$15 million) would provide the necessary funds to replace the aging Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Shelter. The current SCRAPS' (Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service) facility is more than 40-years old and cannot expand to meet demand at its present location off of Flora Road (east of the Spokane Business Industrial Park).

A replaced Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Shelter would:

- give the public one central location for reporting/redeeming lost and found pets and for reporting injured, stray or mistreated animals
- provide uniform enforcement of laws and public policy
- increase capacity for homeless animals

It would also provide:

- a safe and healthy facility for the homeless pets in our community
- the potential for a shared adoption facility with SCRAPS, SpokAnimal and the Spokane Humane Society that would increase adoptions and reduce euthanasia of stray and abandoned animals

If approved by the majority of the voters within Spokane County, the ballot measure would equate to approximately **\$1.00 per month for the owner of a \$200,000 home**

Can we retrofit a building at a lower cost instead of building new?

Spokane County is working with the City of Spokane to purchase a city-owned property which includes an industrial building at Havana and Broadway. Spokane County will retrofit that building into a regional animal protection shelter. This is projected to cost approximately 1/3 less than building a new facility for a cost savings estimated at nearly \$5 million (total cost approximately \$10 million).

Will there be any cost savings if Measure No. 1 is passed?

The participating jurisdictions will be able to replace the current facility at no additional costs to the general fund budgets of the current partners. Additionally, a savings in operating and maintenance costs (paid by each partner jurisdiction's general fund) could be realized through joint efforts in pet licensing and non-governmental contributions.

Where would the Regional Animal Protection Shelter be located?

In the vicinity of Havana and Broadway, adjacent to the Spokane County Fair and Expo Center. This central location is on current bus routes and would provide citizens with greater access to services (pet adoption, licensing, training, education, etc.), operational efficiency, and improved response time. Owners trying to locate lost pets will have a central location to find their pets as opposed to multiple shelters. This facility can be retrofitted at an estimated savings of 30% over the cost of new construction.

Why Go For a Levy Now?

At this time many of the jurisdictions within Spokane County have agreed to pursue an expanded regional animal protection and shelter program which requires a larger facility. Interest rates are at an all time low and costs of construction, labor and materials are lower than in the recent past. Additionally the larger regional program could result in lower annual operating costs to all participating jurisdictions. The building that has been identified for renovation is currently available and would generate a savings of 30% over the costs of a constructing a new facility.

What if other municipalities want to consolidate?

The facility will be large enough to accommodate services for the City of Spokane, who has provided a letter of intent to participate in the regional program, and other municipalities if they decide to partner in a regional facility.

When would the levy expire?

The levy will expire in a maximum of nine years, however through cost saving methods, retrofitting a structure and/or partnering with other municipalities, the levy may expire earlier than nine years.



Want to learn more?

Attend a town hall meeting:

October 5, Spokane Humane Society,
6607 N. Havana at 6 p.m.

October 12, with Mayor Mary
Verner, Commissioners Hearing Room at
1026 W. Broadway at 5:30 p.m.

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To support the mission of the Spokane County
Regional Animal Protection Service.

Building a more humane community, protecting
public safety and ensuring animal welfare through
compassionate, responsive, professional
enforcement of laws and public policy.



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