

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between Hopkins County Board of Education ("Board"), 320 South Seminary Street, Madisonville, Kentucky, 42431, and Hopkins County Humane Society ("Organization"), 2210 Laffoon Trail, Madisonville, Kentucky, 42431.

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the mutual benefits to be obtained by the parties, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. Purpose of Agreement. The Board has a Future Farmers of America (FFA) program associated with Madisonville North Hopkins High School. The FFA program at Madisonville North Hopkins desires to work in the education of students in small animal handling and care, and would like to foster kittens within the classroom. The Organization desires and wishes to help in this endeavor and the purpose of this agreement is as outlined and is the parties' understanding relative to the use of the property of the Organization by the FFA students.

2. Property Subject to Agreement. The Organization is allowing the use of foster animals within the Veterinary Science courses. The Madisonville North Hopkins FFA students anticipate having up to one (1) litter of kittens at one time as a part of fostering partnership, with students responsible for daily care and handling of the animals. The Organization is donating the kittens as foster animals that will reside in the classroom, as well as all basic feed, feeding supplies, litter care, and routine preventive care. The Madisonville North Hopkins FFA program shall be responsible for feeding the animals and providing all servicing including healthcare issues of the animals. All parties acknowledge that the animals shall remain the property and responsibility of the Madisonville North Hopkins FFA until the fostering partnership is relinquished due to age of animals or adoption.

3. **Rent and Term.** There shall be no financial payment made, as the fostering partnership is free of cost for the FFA program. This agreement shall be for the school year 2025-26 and shall end on June 30, 2026. Unless either party elects to terminate this agreement at the end of school year 2025-26 and gives thirty (30) days' notice prior to the end of that school year, this agreement shall automatically renew continuously for one school year until either party gives such notice. Either party may also terminate this agreement at any time with thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.

4. **Insurance.** The Board acknowledges to the Organization that the Madisonville North Hopkins FFA students are covered under Board's insurance.

5. **Construction of Agreement.** This agreement shall be construed equally as to all parties regardless of who has prepared it.

This _____ day of _____ 2025.

Board

Hopkins County Board of Education

Kerry Scisney, Chairperson

Organization

Hopkins County Humane Society

ANIMAL HANDLING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

Learning to care for animals properly, as well as studying their habits and environment, is an important part of the Madisonville North Hopkins High School Agricultural Education Program (the "Program"). Please be aware students in this Program will handle and care for live animals in the classroom.

Students will be provided instruction in the safe handling of each species of animals handled in class; however, there are some risks involved. Risks include, but are not limited to, being scratched, bitten, stepped on, or kicked. Please understand that students will be closely supervised and animals will be restrained, but the Program has no means of fully controlling possible risks. Therefore, by granting permission to handle and care for classroom animals, the Student and Parent hereby assume such risks and acknowledge they will be expected to follow all safety guidelines and to use good judgment.

Please sign the form below to indicate that you understand students will handle live animals as part of classwork and the potential risks associated therewith. The Student and Parent, by his/her signature below, waive any claim against Madisonville North Hopkins High School and Hopkins County Schools which may now exist or arise in relation to participation with live animals in class. Please indicate on the appropriate line if your student has any allergy to animals.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Thank you,

Mrs. Sara Thakur, MNHHS Agricultural Education Instructor

By signing this form, I acknowledge the risks associated with handling animals and release Hopkins County Schools and its employees from any liability.

Please check the appropriate box:

I am aware that there are animals used in my child's classroom.

- ☐ I give my permission for my child to handle and care for the classroom animals.
- ☐ I DO NOT give my permission for my child to handle and care for the classroom animals.
- ☐ My child is allergic to the classroom animals. (Please list below)

Student Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____