

**MADISON COUNTY FISCAL COURT
MADISON COUNTY, KY
RESOLUTION 2026-024**

**A RESOLUTION RELATING TO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BY AND
BETWEEN MADISON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER (MCAS) AND KENTUCKY SAVE, INC.
FORMALIZING A PEDIGREE FOUNDATION TRANSPORT GRANT PARTNERSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Pedigree Foundation aims to provide grant funds to focus on supporting foster, transport, and behavior programs, which have been proven to increase adoptions and will help shelters alleviate the volume of dogs in their care; and

WHEREAS, this MOA formalizes a strategic partnership between MCAS and Kentucky SAVE, Inc. to collaboratively apply for and implement funding through the Pedigree Foundation Transport Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, both parties agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached MOA, which will retroactively go into effect April 13, 2026;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FISCAL COURT DOES HEREBY
APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION TO RETROACTIVELY GO INTO EFFECT APRIL 13, 2026,
AND AUTHORIZES THE JUDGE/EXECUTIVE AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE
AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY.**

Motion made by Sachmullen, seconded by Combs.

Vote:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Magistrate James Brian Combs	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Magistrate Stephen Lochmueller	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Magistrate Tom Botkin	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Judge/Executive Reagan Taylor	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Signed:

R-Taylor
Reagan Taylor
Madison County Judge/Executive

4-14-2026
Date

Attested:

Kenny Barger MCC
Kenny Barger
Madison County Clerk

4-14-2026
Date

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)

Pedigree Foundation Transport Grant Partnership

Between:

Madison County Animal Shelter (MCAS)

and

Kentucky SAVE, Inc. (501(c)(3) Nonprofit Animal Rescue Organization)

Effective Date: April 13, 2026

Grant Cycle Term: Two (2) years from the grant award date

I. PURPOSE AND STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This MOA formalizes a strategic partnership between MCAS and Kentucky SAVE, Inc. to collaboratively apply for and implement funding through the **Pedigree Foundation Transport Grant Program**.

This partnership is designed to directly align with Pedigree Foundation funding priorities by:

- Increasing **live release rates** through transport to high-demand adoption markets
- Reducing **length of stay** and shelter overcrowding
- Prioritizing **at-risk and underserved animal populations**
- Demonstrating **collaborative, scalable, and sustainable transport practices**
- Producing **measurable, data-driven outcomes**

II. PROGRAM DESIGN & LIFESAVING IMPACT

The partners will implement a coordinated transport program that:

- Targets animals with the **highest risk of poor outcomes**, including:
 - Large breed dogs
 - Long-stay animals
 - Animals with manageable medical or behavioral needs
- Establishes **regular, scheduled transports** to vetted rescue and adoption partners
- Expands geographic reach to **high-adoption-demand regions**

Projected Impact Metrics:

- Increase live release rate by: 15%
 - Reduce average length of stay by: 30 days
 - Transport a minimum of: 30 animals per month
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III. COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIP STRENGTH

This partnership demonstrates strong collaboration as required by Pedigree Foundation criteria:

- **MCAS** serves as the primary intake agency and identifies animals for transport
- **Kentucky SAVE** serves as the 501(c)(3) rescue partner and housing transport coordinator
- Both parties leverage **existing rescue networks and relationships** to ensure placement success

The partnership reflects:

- Shared mission and vision
 - Defined roles and accountability
 - Established communication protocols
 - Commitment to long-term collaboration beyond the grant period
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IV. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**Madison County Animal Shelter (MCAS):**

- Identify, evaluate, and prepare animals for transport
- Provide:
 - Vaccinations and core veterinary care
 - Behavioral assessments
 - Required documentation (health certificates as applicable)
- Maintain accurate shelter data and outcome tracking
- Coordinate scheduling with Kentucky SAVE

- Ensure animals are safely and humanely transferred
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Kentucky SAVE, Inc.:

- Act as the **eligible 501(c)(3) applicant/partner**
 - Identify new and reputable rescue partners to be added to the placement of Madison County animals in regions with opportunity to animal adoptions, including:
 - Scheduling and routing
 - Transport vehicles and equipment as needed
 - Compliance with state and federal transport regulations
 - Ensure all receiving organizations meet **ethical placement and care standards**
 - Assist with funding allocation and expense tracking
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V. ANIMAL WELFARE & TRANSPORT STANDARDS

Both parties commit to meeting or exceeding best practices in humane transport:

- Animals will be:
 - Medically cleared prior to transport
 - Safely contained in appropriate crates or transport vehicles.
 - Provided food, water, and rest as needed
 - Transport operations will follow:
 - State and federal animal transport regulations
 - Industry-recognized humane standards
 - Emergency protocols will be in place during all transports
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VI. DATA COLLECTION, EVALUATION & REPORTING

To meet Pedigree Foundation scoring requirements for measurable impact:

Both partners agree to track and report:

- Number of animals transported
- Animal profiles (age, breed, risk category)
- Destination organizations
- Adoption outcomes and placement success rates
- Length of stay reduction
- Changes in live release and euthanasia rates

Data will be:

- Collected monthly
 - Reviewed jointly to improve program effectiveness
 - Reported in compliance with all grant requirements
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VII. CAPACITY & IMPLEMENTATION READINESS

The partnership demonstrates strong implementation capacity:

- **MCAS** has an established intake system and animal care infrastructure
- **Kentucky SAVE** has:
 - Existing transport coordination experience
 - Established rescue partnerships
 - Operational capability to scale transport efforts

The program is **ready for immediate implementation upon funding**.

VIII. SUSTAINABILITY

Both parties are committed to sustaining this program beyond the grant period by:

- Strengthening long-term rescue partnerships
- Building community support and awareness
- Identifying additional funding sources and sponsorships
- Integrating transport into standard shelter operations

This ensures continued lifesaving impact beyond initial grant funding.

IX. USE OF FUNDS

Grant funds will be used in strict alignment with Pedigree Foundation guidelines, including:

- Transport costs (fuel, vehicle use, maintenance)
- Crates and transport equipment
- Veterinary preparation required for transport
- Health certificates and required documentation

All expenditures will be tracked and documented for transparency and compliance.

X. TERM AND TERMINATION

This agreement remains in effect for the duration of the grant cycle unless terminated by either party with **60 days written notice**.

Immediate termination may occur if:

- Animal welfare standards are not upheld
 - Grant compliance requirements are violated
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XI. LIABILITY

Each party assumes responsibility for its own actions, staff, and operations. This agreement does not create joint liability beyond the scope of collaboration.

XII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This document represents the full agreement between the parties and may only be modified in writing with mutual consent.

XIII. SIGNATURES

Madison County Animal Shelter

By: 12-28-

Name: REAGAN TAYLOR

Title: JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

Date: 4/14/2026

Kentucky SAVE, Inc.

By: Ashley Renton

Name: Ashley Renton

Title: President

Date: 4/8/26