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SPCA Grants Extension for Stray Animal Care

Delaware County Council, municipalities and SPCA work out an agreement

Delaware County Council announced that the Delaware County SPCA has agreed to an extension of municipal animal control services. This agreement will act as a stopgap measure until the dedicated non-profit animal control facility in Darby Township is established in December, 2011.

After extensive negotiations with Delaware County Council, the SPCA is extending contracts with municipalities under their current terms. This extension will offer six months of handling stray animals through December 31, 2011. A contract for the extension was approved by County Council at the Tuesday, July 5, meeting.

Councilman Mario Civera Jr. announced that actions regarding the construction of the animal control facility on Calcon Hook Road are underway. Owned by the Darby Creek Joint Authority, the land will be leased to the Emergency Services Training Center. Local building trades unions have volunteered to build the structure, which will be completed by December. Eddystone-based architectural firm Bonnett Associates INC. is designing the structure, and agreed to donate the plans, Civera said.

“County Council is pleased to have reached this agreement with the SPCA on behalf of the municipalities in Delaware County,” said Councilman Civera. “Animal control is a critical local function and Council is relieved that the municipalities will have the resources of the Delaware County SPCA through December 31, 2011.”

Council urges all municipalities to take action in the participation of this extension and contract with the Delaware County SPCA to handle stray animals through December 31, 2011.

Council continues to remind dog owners that the best way to keep their pets safe, and ensure their return if lost, is to have a current dog license. For information visit the County web site at www.co.delaware.pa.us or call the Treasurer’s Office at 610-891-4276.