



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: January 8, 2024

Marshall Animal Shelter Additional Information

(Marshall, Missouri, January 8, 2024) – As a follow up to the Press Release of Friday, January 5, 2024 please find attached the correspondence delivered to Danita Phillips, President of the Saline Animal League, notifying the SAL of the termination of their operation of the Marshall Animal Shelter. This document clearly establishes that there was no expectation that the SAL immediately remove animals from the premises, and claims that the SAL was forced to remove animals on the night of January 5, 2024 are false.

Also attached is the email correspondence between Danita Phillips and the Missouri Department of Agriculture that resulted in the loss of the Marshall Animal Shelter's operating license and non-compliance with 2 CSR 30-9.020 Animal Care Facility Rules as published in the Missouri Code of State Regulations (linked below).

<https://s1.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/adrules/csr/current/2CSR/2c30-9.pdf>



January 5, 2024

ATTN: DANITA PHILLIPS, PRESIDENT
SALINE ANIMAL LEAGUE
23034 275th Rd.
Malta Bend, MO 65339

SALINE ANIMAL LEAGUE
PO Box 743
Marshall, MO 65340

Dear Ms. Phillips:

Please be advised that this correspondence shall constitute notice from the City of Marshall that the operation of the Marshall Animal Shelter by the Saline Animal League is being terminated immediately.

As you may recall, the City notified the Saline Animal League that it intended to terminate its Memorandum of Understanding with the Saline Animal League effective 60 days from October 1, 2023. After the notice was delivered, The City and Saline Animal League informally agreed that operation of the Marshall Animal Shelter by the Saline Animal League would continue through January 31, 2024, pending the adoption of a new agreement between the parties.

It has come to the attention of the City that the Marshall Animal Shelter, located at 325 North Grant Avenue has been, and is currently being, operated without a license in place from Missouri's Department of Agriculture. The Marshall Animal Shelter's license was terminated as a result of communications by Saline Animal League representatives with Missouri's Department of Agriculture on or about October 6, 2023. These communications were made without notice of any kind to the City of Marshall.

Based on the foregoing, the City is terminating the Saline Animal League's authority to operate the Marshall Animal Shelter, effective January 5, 2024, upon delivery of this Notice. Please be advised that from and after the delivery of this Notice, access to the Marshall Animal Shelter by Saline Animal League representatives or employees shall be prohibited without a City representative also being present. Moreover, from and after the delivery of this Notice, the Saline Animal League shall not use, or permit the use of, the name of the Marshall Animal Shelter or the City of Marshall in any manner that is likely to confuse, mislead, or deceive the public that the Saline Animal League represents or speaks on behalf of the Marshall Animal Shelter or the City of Marshall.

The City will cooperate with the Saline Animal League to provide access to and to permit the Animal League to remove its personal property from the Marshall Animal Shelter, subject to the requirement that one or more City representatives shall be present to provide access.

Removal of all Saline Animal League personal property shall occur on or before January 31, 2024.

Sincerely,

JD Kehrman City Administrator
City of Marshall

From: Marshall Animal Shelter
To: Rold, Matt; Bean, Kristina
Subject: FYI
Date: Friday, October 6, 2023 3:39:47 PM

REGARDING Saline Animal League license # AC002R7M:

As of 12/1/23, the Saline Animal League will no longer be managing or operating a contract kennel out of the building located at 325 N Grant Ave Marshall, MO 65340 as the City of Marshall has decided to terminate their contract with the Saline Animal League. I, personally, will not be employed at the above mentioned address. All staff and licenses will be moved to the 665 W Clay St Marshall, MO 65340 building licensed as Site #2.

Should anything change before the 12/1/23 date, I will keep you apprised.

Danita Phillips, Manager
Marshall Animal Shelter
325 N. Grant Marshall, MO 65340
660-831-0420

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