



July 30, 2021

Routt County Board of County Commissioners
522 Lincoln Ave, Suite 30
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

RE: 2022 Budget Request

Dear County Commissioners,

Routt County Humane Society (RCHS) is grateful for the opportunity to provide animal sheltering services for the citizens of Routt County. Since 2015, RCHS has been the vendor operating and managing the Steamboat Springs Animal Shelter. As an open admission animal shelter that is a proponent of socially conscious sheltering, RCHS has worked tirelessly to provide an extensive array of animal related services to homeless animals and to our community. These services reflect the values of our community and, our collaboration with County officials ensures the continued provision of quality animal care and control.

Attached you will find the required documents pertaining to the RCHS requested budget allocation for 2022. The amount of our request remains the same as the 2021 distribution (\$82,635) with a suggested CPI increase of 2%, which brings the total budget request to \$84,287.70. This request will allow RCHS to meet the needs of the community and will enable the organization to accomplish animal-welfare goals in the County. We are proud to be a part of the team, especially when faced with the challenges presented by the Pandemic and other emergencies that involve the planning and care for animals and their people.

We hope that you will look upon our request favorably and join us in our continued efforts to advocate for the voiceless and to promote the human-animal bond, which is so important to the overall health and safety of our wonderful community.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for all you do to ensure our community has the resources and services necessary to meet the needs of our citizens and visitors.

Sincerely,

Elaine Hicks, MA, CAWA
Executive Director