

**AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into as of this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018,  
by and between

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
(hereinafter referred to as "SBBC"),  
a body corporate and political subdivision of the State of Florida,  
whose principal place of business is  
600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

and

**SHARE-A-PET ORG., INC.**  
(hereinafter referred to as "SAP"),  
whose principal place of business is  
2772 NE 37<sup>th</sup> Drive  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

**WHEREAS**, student social and emotional development are necessary components of education; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing research supports the physiological, psychological and social benefits of interactions with animals and the therapeutic potential of animal-assisted programs in schools; and

**WHEREAS**, animal assisted therapy can be a complimentary and supportive form of intervention in a school setting; and

**WHEREAS**, therapy dogs have been used in crisis situations in schools providing unconditional acceptance and support; and

**WHEREAS**, research with therapy animals indicates that children experiencing trauma and low self-esteem are often more willing to interact with an animal than another person; and

**WHEREAS**, documented physical benefits of therapy with animals include lowering of blood pressure and heart rate as well as increased relaxation; and

**WHEREAS**, SAP has a Pet Therapy program designed to help children manage difficult situations including stress and bullying in a unique and positive environment; and

**WHEREAS**, SBBC shall obtain written consent from the parent/guardian prior to disclosing any information from education records to SAP; and

**WHEREAS**, the program is currently operating by request at several district schools and is available for implementation at any Broward County Public School;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

### **ARTICLE 1 - RECITALS**

1.01 **Recitals.** The parties agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and that such recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

### **ARTICLE 2 – SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

2.01 **Term of Agreement.** Unless terminated earlier pursuant to Section 3.05 of this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall commence upon execution by all parties and conclude on June 30, 2021.

2.02 **Program Description.** Currently, the SAP is available for the implementation or pet assisted therapy in any school in Broward County, Florida. SAP volunteers work with school staff to make sure that activities reflect current academic and student support strategies to provide appropriate interventions, as well as addressing animal welfare, which includes components of teaching students about pets and animals in general.

2.03 **SAP Responsibilities.**

- a. SAP shall provide pet assisted therapy to strengthen school-based interventions and social/emotional development plans at schools by request and coordinated through the departments of Equity and Academic Attainment (EAA) and Diversity, Prevention and Intervention (DPI).
- b. All participating SAP volunteers shall complete the on-line volunteer application process, follow screening guidelines and provide additional information as needed, including animal health records.
- c. All services will be provided at no cost.

2.04 **SBBC Participation.** Schools will be encouraged to apply for participation in the Program based on their willingness to adhere to best practices criteria, including:

- a. Schools will allow participating staff members to receive a Program orientation to familiarize them with the process for working with pet therapy animals and volunteers.
- b. Schools will designate a staff member who is willing to coordinate scheduling for the Program.
- c. Schools will work with teachers to schedule students individually and in small groups to accomplish the maximum impact for students, and the least amount of stress to the

animals. The SAP Program will be organized in such a way that the students/class work with the same volunteer and same group of students each session.

- d. With written consent by the parent/guardian, SBBC will disclose student names and grade levels to SAP staff for the purpose of addressing students' learning and social/emotional needs during sessions.
- e. SAP agrees to comply with all requirements of the District's IRB and Research Review Process if additional data is requested for the purpose of conducting research or evaluating the impact of the program on student outcomes.

2.05 **Background Screening.** SAP agrees to comply with all requirements of Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes, and all of its personnel who (1) are to be permitted access to school grounds when students are present, (2) will have direct contact with students, or (3) have access or control of school funds, will successfully complete the background screening required by the referenced statutes and meet the standards established by the statutes. This background screening will be conducted by SBBC in advance of SAP or its personnel providing any services under the conditions described in the previous sentence. SAP shall bear the cost of acquiring the background screening required by Section 1012.32, Florida Statutes, and any fee imposed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to maintain the fingerprints provided with respect to SAP and its personnel. The parties agree that the failure of SAP to perform any of the duties described in this section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement entitling SBBC to terminate immediately with no further responsibilities or duties to perform under this Agreement. SAP agrees to indemnify and hold harmless SBBC, its officers and employees from any liability in the form of physical or mental injury, death or property damage resulting from SAP's failure to comply with the requirements of this Section or with Sections 1012.32 and 1012.465, Florida Statutes.

2.06 **Indemnification.** This section shall survive the termination of all performance or obligations under this Agreement and shall be fully binding until such time as any proceeding brought on account of this Agreement is barred by any applicable statute of limitations.

A. By SBBC: SBBC agrees to be fully responsible up to the limits of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, for its acts of negligence, or its employees' acts of negligence when acting within the scope of their employment and agrees to be liable for any damages resulting from said negligence.

B. By SAP: SAP agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend SBBC, its agents, servants and employees from any and all claims, judgments, costs, and expenses including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, reasonable investigative and discovery costs, court costs and all other sums which SBBC, its agents, servants and employees may pay or become obligated to pay on account of any, all and every claim or demand, or assertion of liability, or any claim or action founded thereon, arising or alleged to have arisen out of the products, goods or services furnished by SAP, its agents, servants or employees; the equipment of SAP, its agents, servants or employees while such equipment is on premises owned or controlled by SBBC; or the negligence of SAP or the negligence of SAP's agents when acting within the scope of their employment, whether such claims, judgments, costs and expenses be for damages, damage to

property including SBBC's property, and injury or death of any person whether employed by SAP, SBBC or otherwise.

### **ARTICLE 3 – GENERAL CONDITIONS**

3.01 **No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.** Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by any agency or political subdivision to which sovereign immunity may be applicable or of any rights or limits to liability existing under Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. This section shall survive the termination of all performance or obligations under this Agreement and shall be fully binding until such time as any proceeding brought on account of this Agreement is barred by any applicable statute of limitations.

3.02 **No Third Party Beneficiaries.** The parties expressly acknowledge that it is not their intent to create or confer any rights or obligations in or upon any third person or entity under this Agreement. None of the parties intend to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Agreement. The parties agree that there are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a claim against any of the parties based upon this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by an agency or political subdivision of the State of Florida to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any contract.

3.03 **Independent Contractor.** The parties to this agreement shall at all times be acting in the capacity of independent contractors and not as an officer, employee or agent of one another. Neither party or its respective agents, employees, subcontractors or assignees shall represent to others that it has the authority to bind the other party unless specifically authorized in writing to do so. No right to SBBC retirement, leave benefits or any other benefits of SBBC employees shall exist as a result of the performance of any duties or responsibilities under this Agreement. SBBC shall not be responsible for social security, withholding taxes, contributions to unemployment compensation funds or insurance for the other party or the other party's officers, employees, agents, subcontractors or assignees.

3.04 **Equal Opportunity Provision.** The parties agree that no person shall be subjected to discrimination because of age, race, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, religion, sex or sexual orientation in the performance of the parties' respective duties, responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement.

3.05 **Termination.** This Agreement may be canceled with or without cause by SBBC during the term hereof upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other parties of its desire to terminate this Agreement. SBBC shall have no liability for any property left on SBBC's property by any party to this Agreement after the termination of this Agreement. Any party contracting with SBBC under this Agreement agrees that any of its property placed upon SBBC's facilities pursuant to this Agreement shall be removed within ten (10) business days following the termination, conclusion or cancellation of this Agreement and that any such property remaining upon SBBC's facilities after that time shall be deemed to be abandoned, title to such property shall pass to SBBC, and SBBC may use or dispose of such property as SBBC deems fit and appropriate.

3.06 **Default.** The parties agree that, in the event that either party is in default of its obligations under this Agreement, the non-defaulting party shall provide to the defaulting party (30) days written notice to cure the default. However, in the event said default cannot be cured within said thirty (30) day period and the defaulting party is diligently attempting in good faith to cure same, the time period shall be reasonably extended to allow the defaulting party additional cure time. Upon the occurrence of a default that is not cured during the applicable cure period, this Agreement may be terminated by the non-defaulting party upon thirty (30) days notice. This remedy is not intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or future exercise thereof. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude termination for convenience pursuant to Section 3.05.

3.07 **Annual Appropriation.** The performance and obligations of SBBC under this Agreement shall be contingent upon an annual budgetary appropriation by its governing body. If SBBC does not allocate funds for the payment of services or products to be provided under this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated by SBBC at the end of the period for which funds have been allocated. SBBC shall notify the other party at the earliest possible time before such termination. No penalty shall accrue to SBBC in the event this provision is exercised, and SBBC shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments due or any damages as a result of termination under this section.

3.08 **Excess Funds.** Any party receiving funds paid by SBBC under this Agreement agrees to promptly notify SBBC of any funds erroneously received from SBBC upon the discovery of such erroneous payment or overpayment. Any such excess funds shall be refunded to SBBC with interest calculated from the date of the erroneous payment or overpayment. Interest shall be calculated using the interest rate for judgments under Section 55.03, Florida Statutes, applicable at the time the erroneous payment or overpayment was made by SBBC.

3.09 **Public Records.** The following provisions are required by Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, and may not be amended. SAP shall keep and maintain public records required by SBBC to perform the services required under this Agreement. Upon request from SBBC's custodian of public records, SAP shall provide SBBC with a copy of any requested public records or to allow the requested public records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law. SAP shall ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement's term and following completion of the Agreement if SAP does not transfer the public records to SBBC. Upon completion of the Agreement, SAP shall transfer, at no cost, to SBBC all public records in possession of SAP or keep and maintain public records required by SBBC to perform the services required under the Agreement. If SAP transfers all public records to SBBC upon completion of the Agreement, SAP shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If SAP keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, SAP shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to SBBC, upon request from SBBC's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with SBBC's information technology systems.

**IF A PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THE AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 754-321-1900, REQUEL.BELL@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM, RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC RECORDS DIVISION, 600 SOUTHEAST THIRD AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301.**

3.10 **Student Records.** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary within this Agreement, any party contracting with SBBC under this Agreement shall fully comply with the requirements of Sections 1002.22 and 1002.221, Florida Statutes; FERPA, and any other state or federal law or regulation regarding the confidentiality of student information and records. Each such party agrees, for itself, its officers, employees, agents, representatives, contractors or subcontractors, to fully indemnify and hold harmless SBBC and its officers and employees for any violation of this section, including, without limitation, defending SBBC and its officers and employees against any complaint, administrative or judicial proceeding, payment of any penalty imposed upon SBBC, or payment of any and all costs, damages, judgments or losses incurred by or imposed upon SBBC arising out of a breach of this covenant by the party, or an officer, employee, agent, representative, contractor, or sub-contractor of the party to the extent that the party or an officer, employee, agent, representative, contractor, or sub-contractor of the party shall either intentionally or negligently violate the provisions of this section or of Sections 1002.22 and/or 1002.221, Florida Statutes

3.11 **Compliance with Laws.** Each party shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, codes, rules and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

3.12 **Place of Performance.** All obligations of SBBC under the terms of this Agreement are reasonably susceptible of being performed in Broward County, Florida and shall be payable and performable in Broward County, Florida.

3.13 **Governing Law and Venue.** This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any controversies or legal problems arising out of this Agreement and any action involving the enforcement or interpretation of any rights hereunder shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of the State courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Broward County, Florida.

3.14 **Entirety of Agreement.** This document incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements and understandings applicable to the matters contained herein and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this document. Accordingly, the parties agree that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written.

3.15 **Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

3.16 **Assignment.** Neither this Agreement or any interest herein may be assigned, transferred or encumbered by any party without the prior written consent of the other party. There shall be no partial assignments of this Agreement including, without limitation, the partial assignment of any right to receive payments from SBBC.

3.17 **Incorporation by Reference.** Exhibits attached hereto and referenced herein shall be deemed to be incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

3.18 **Captions.** The captions, section designations, section numbers, article numbers, titles and headings appearing in this Agreement are inserted only as a matter of convenience, have no substantive meaning, and in no way define, limit, construe or describe the scope or intent of such articles or sections of this Agreement, nor in any way affect this Agreement and shall not be construed to create a conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.

3.19 **Severability.** In the event that any one or more of the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or provisions contained in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void in any respect, such shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement and the same shall remain in full force and effect as if such invalid, illegal, unlawful, unenforceable or void sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or provisions had never been included herein.

3.20 **Preparation of Agreement.** The parties acknowledge that they have sought and obtained whatever competent advice and counsel as was necessary for them to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein and that the preparation of this Agreement has been their joint effort. The language agreed to herein expresses their mutual intent and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial construction, be construed more severely against one of the parties than the other.

3.21 **Amendments.** No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same or similar formality as this Agreement and executed by each party hereto.

3.22 **Waiver.** The parties agree that each requirement, duty and obligation set forth herein is substantial and important to the formation of this Agreement and, therefore, is a material term hereof. Any party's failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Agreement unless the waiver is in writing and signed by the party waiving such provision. A written waiver shall only be effective as to the specific instance for which it is obtained and shall not be deemed a continuing or future waiver.

3.23 **Force Majeure.** Neither party shall be obligated to perform any duty, requirement or obligation under this Agreement if such performance is prevented by fire, hurricane, earthquake, explosion, wars, sabotage, accident, flood, acts of God, strikes, or other labor disputes, riot or civil commotions, or by reason of any other matter or condition beyond the control of either party, and which cannot be overcome by reasonable diligence and without unusual expense ("Force Majeure"). In no event shall a lack of funds on the part of either party be deemed Force Majeure.

3.24 **Survival.** All representations and warranties made herein regarding indemnification obligations, obligations to reimburse SBBC, obligations to maintain and allow inspection and audit of records and property, obligations to maintain the confidentiality of records, reporting requirements, and obligations to return public funds shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

3.25 **Contract Administration.** SBBC has delegated authority to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee to take any actions necessary to implement and administer this Agreement.

3.26 **Authority.** Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of either party individually warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing, and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the date first above written.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]



**FOR SBBC**

(Corporate Seal)

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD  
COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Nora Rupert, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools

Approved as to Form and Legal Content:



Digitally signed by Kathelyn Jacques-Adams,  
Esq. - kathelyn.jacques-  
adams@gbrowardschools.com  
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Office of the General Counsel

[VENDOR SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

**FOR SAP**

(Corporate Seal)

Share-A-Pet Org., Inc.

ATTEST:

By Bindu Majji

\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

-or-

Patricia Wetanai  
Witness

[Signature]  
Witness

**The Following Notarization is Required for Every Agreement Without Regard to Whether the Party Chose to Use a Secretary's Attestation or Two (2) Witnesses.**

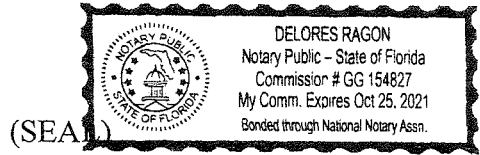
STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF Broward

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 30 day of April, 2018 by Bindu Majji of Share-A-Pet Organization Inc, on behalf of the corporation/agency.

He/She is personally known to me or produced FL DL as identification and did/did not first take an oath. Type of Identification

My Commission Expires:



Delores Ragon  
Signature - Notary Public

Delores Ragon  
Printed Name of Notary

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