



**Lawrence Humane Society, Inc.**

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City Manager  
City of Lawrence  
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Lawrence, Ks. 66044

Dear Mr. Corliss:

I am sending this shelter update as part of our agreement for receiving city funding.

I am sure that you have heard from most agencies that they are struggling monetarily. The Humane Society is certainly having those issues. Our fund-raising efforts have been half of previous years and we are struggling. The economy has also increased the number of animals coming into our shelter and adoptions are incredibly low.

In 2007, we began a state mandated renovation of our shelter at a cost of \$696,000. The loan on that renovation was finally paid off this year. However, we still have a section of the original building that needs to be renovated. We will need to begin that process by the fall to keep in good standing with the State of Kansas Animal Health Dept. I am currently working on grant funding for that renovation and hope to have most of the costs covered.

The incinerator continues to struggle and our goal is to make it through the end of the year. It is our hope that the City of Lawrence will help with the funding of a new incinerator. 70% of all incinerator use is for the City of Lawrence.

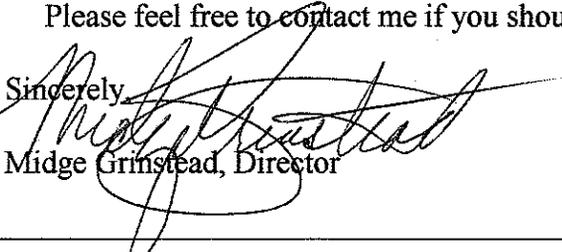
Costs for operating the County Animal Response Team have been covered by grants and the Society is ready to help our community in a disaster situation.

We continue to struggle with the housing of animals that have bitten, dangerous dogs and cruelty & neglect cases. With the shelter at capacity, holding animals for weeks at a time while awaiting a court date is unacceptable.

The Shelter continues to offer all services to our City without interruption and will endeavor to do so through the end of the year.

Please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Midge Grinstead, Director