**Soft Market Testing for Stray Dogs Kennelling and Collection**

1. Which one of these Contract lengths would be most preferable - 2 years, 3 years, 4 years.
2. The contract will be for collection and kennelling of stray dogs 24/7 365 days per year would this be achievable by your organisation? If not, why?
3. Will the collection and kennelling services need to be separated? Or Is there an opportunity for one contract for both collection and kennelling, can your organisation provide both collection and kennelling services?
4. The contract will cover all areas of WNC but we are looking at the possibility of zoning the contract. The zones we have identified are set out in the accompanying diagram. Are these zones areas that could work for this service? Would certain zones in West Northamptonshire be more attractive than others? If so, why? Could you run a service that covers all of the zones?
5. How much will be charged would there be different charges for different areas/zones. What would your standard charges for collections/kennelling be?
6. Would there be a different price structure for dangerous dogs/banned breeds?
7. We would prefer the contractor to have association with a vet for animal welfare as well as PTS, Would WNC need a separate contract with a vet for this work or can you obtain this association.
8. Animal welfare is a top priority for WNC and ideally we would want to associated with a No kill kennel (understanding the need to deal with banned breeds etc), can you provide a no kill kennelling service?

Data

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| Year | Zone 1 | Zone 2 | Zone 3 |
| 2021 | 143 | 43 | 3 |
| 2022 | 138 | 49 | 6 |
| 2023 | 142 | 35 | 2 |
| 2024 (So Far) | 84 | 20 | 2 |

Please submit your responses to procurement@westnorthants.gov.uk

Thank you