

# Agenda Item Report



**Winnebago County**  
*The Wave of the Future*

DATE: September 26, 2023  
FROM: Parks and Expo Director  
RE: 5 Year Contract with Winnegamie Dog Club

**General Description:** The Parks Department is interested in entering into a new 5-year contract with Winnegamie Dog Club

**Requested Action:**

The Parks Department recommends that the Parks and Recreation Committee approves the 5-year contract between the Winnebago County Parks Department and the Winnegamie Dog Club

**Procedural Steps:**

Parks and Recreation Committee  
Action taken: APPROVED  
County Board  
Action Taken

Meeting date: 10/10/23  
Vote: 4-0  
Meeting Date: 11/21/23  
Vote:

**Background:**

The Winnebago County Parks Department has had a contract with Winnegamie Dog Club for over 16 years. Winnegamie Dog Club conducts two AKC all-breed dog shows with Junior Showmanship each year at the Sunnyview Expo Center. *"The mission of the Winnegamie Dog Club's Progressive Motivational Training Program is to educate the general public with dog friendly, positive training methods in order to deepen owners' relationships with their dogs, as well as to make dogs valued members of the family and the community."*

**Justification:**

The Winnegamie Dog Club was started in 1958 and exists for the purpose of advancing the cause and welfare of dogs, both purebred and mixed breed. The club benefits both members and non-members alike. Non-Members can enjoy training programs, conformation shows, obedience and agility trials, fun matches, educational programs, open houses, and other fun events. In addition, the WDC is a great resource for dog-related questions. The members enjoy further benefits, such as the use of the building and exercise yards, the library, the monthly newsletter, educational presentations at the monthly meetings, free or discounted seminars and training programs, as well as having fun and making good friends.

The Winnegamie Dog Club offers a variety of dog-related events throughout the year, including Obedience & Rally trials, Agility trials, Fast CAT trials, Nose Work trials, Canine Good Citizen Testing, Trick Dog Testing, Farm Dog Certification, an annual Fun Match and an AKC All Breed Conformation

Show. They also offer a number of specialized workshops during the year, as well as a Canine First Aid and CPR class. Members volunteer with their dogs in local parades and visit nearby nursing homes.

**Attachments:**

- 2024 – 2028 Agreement between Winnegamie Dog Club and Winnebago County.
- Resolution to Approve the contract between Winnegamie Dog Club and Winnebago County.