November 10, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Shayna Rohl and her local small business, Walk'n Rohl. As the owner of a related business in this community, and as a professional that works directly with the animals she and others house, I give her current proposal my strongest blessing and ask that you do the same.

The proposed addition to the Walk'n Rohl facility will allow for a safer alternative for various dogs in our community that have traditionally been very difficult to accommodate. I have the utmost confidence that Walk'n Rohl is more than capable of caring for a greater number of animals than their current facility allows. Under Shayna's leadership the business has grown steadily, but carefully, committed to maintaining a level of professional care that has set them apart from the beginning. She has reached out to us on multiple occasions to discuss ways to keep the animals under her care as healthy and as safe as possible, and is quick to call with concerns or transport an animal to our facility when needed. I would also add that these occurrences are staggeringly low in relation to the number of animals she houses; a testament to the standards she sets for her business and care she provides.

Capping the number of animals she can house, and therein the growth her small business can achieve, when she has come forward with a plan for expansion that demonstrates her commitment to doing things the right way, would, in my professional opinion, be a mistake. The city of Brookings and surrounding communities have a genuine shortage for services that Shayna and her team provide, and anyone questioning the demand need only call around and try to book a spot for the upcoming holiday weekends to realize that demand. There is nobody doing it better than Walk'n Rohl and this proposed expansion is only a means to serving a greater number of Brookings residents.

Sincerely,

Dr. Adam Benson Big Sioux Veterinary Gare

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