

TRANSITION ISSUES FOR CITIES LEAVING THE REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES NETWORK

INFORMATION FOR COUNTY AND CITY STAFF

ANIMAL CONTROL

Transition of On-Going Animal Control Enforcement Cases

Any Animal Control investigations started by King County before July 1, 2010 will be completed by King County, if those cities leaving the regional network so desire. King County is providing case file histories electronically to the cities leaving the Regional Animal Services Network.

Animal Control Dispatch

Cities leaving the Regional Animal Services Network are responsible for ensuring that their respective dispatching organization no longer refers animal control calls from their city to the King County 911 Communication Center for dispatch. Cities must ensure that calls within their city are dispatched to their new animal control service provider.

PET LICENSING

Pet License Renewals

King County currently mails pet license renewal forms the month before the expiration date. Since the changeover date is July 1 for cities leaving the Regional Animal Services Network, King County will not mail the July renewals for those cities in June. Those cities will assume responsibility for their own pet license renewals beginning in June. Any license revenue that comes in after July 1, 2010 for licenses expiring on or before June 30, 2010 will be kept by King County and a King County license tag will be mailed. Any license revenue coming in after July 1, 2010 for licenses expiring after June 30, 2010 will be refunded to the pet owner.

Pet License Tags

King County pet license tags are issued on a rolling 12 month calendar and are good for one year. Therefore, there will be a number of pet owners in cities leaving the Regional Animal Services Network that have valid King County pet license tags beyond the changeover date. Some of these licenses could be valid for as long as 12 months. Cities are handling the replacement of these tags as follows:

- **Burien**, -- Allow the citizens to keep the King County license tag until expiration and then mail a new city license tag once renewed.
- **Algona, Pacific** -- Metro Animal Services also issues pet license tags on a rolling 12 month calendar. Citizens will keep the King County license tag until expiration and then mail a new Metro Animal Services license tag once renewed.
- **Federal Way** – Add text here

ANIMAL SHELTERING

Transition of Animals in King County Animal Shelters

- Animals that were in the King County Kent Animal Shelter prior to July 1, 2010 will continue to be held in the Kent Animal Shelter until receiving their ultimate disposition from King County.

Intake at Animal Shelters

If citizens from non-contracting jurisdictions bring animals to the King County animal shelter after July 1, 2010, King County will handle the animals as follows:

- Those in possession of healthy animals will receive information about the appropriate animal shelter provider for their jurisdiction.
- Those in possession of animals at risk may be relinquished at the King County animal shelter.

Animals From Cities Picked Up In-Field by King County and Vice Versa

King County will continue to encounter in the field animals from cities leaving the Regional Animal Services Network. These cities will also encounter animals from jurisdictions King County serves.

- Animals picked up by King County without identification will be treated like any other stray animal.
- Animals picked up by King County with identification indicating they are from a city that King County does not serve will be handled in the following manner:
 - **Burien** – King County will contact the city and the city will come and pick up the animal.
 - **Algona, Pacific** – King County will contact Metro Animal Services who will come and pick up the animal.
 - **Federal Way** -- add text here
- Animals picked up by cities not contracting with King County with identification indicating they are from a city that King County serves will be handled in the following manner:
 - **Burien, Federal Way** – the city will contact King County and King County will come and pick up the animal.
 - **Algona, Pacific** – Metro Animal Services will contact King County and King County will come and pick up the animal.

Selling City Pet Licenses At Kent Animal Shelter

Citizens from cities leaving the Regional Animal Services Network will continue to adopt pets from the Kent Animal Shelter. King County will handle this situation as follows:

- **Federal Way** -- King County staff will license pet on-line through City Webpage using customer credit card.
- **Algona/Pacific** – King County will not issue a license, but provide Metro Animal Services with the names and addresses of the pet adopters.
- **Burien** -- add text here

OTHER ISSUES

Emergency Planning/Response

King County is responsible for emergency planning and response for animals in disasters for cities in the Regional Animal Services Network. Cities leaving the Regional Animal

Services Network have the option of taking part in King County's plan or they can plan for themselves. King County encourages all cities to share their emergency plans, regardless of their participation in the regional model.

Pet-Related Business Regulation

Public Health Seattle and King County will continue to provide pet-related business inspections and regulation.

ALGONA AND PACIFIC PUBLIC NOTICE

As of July 1, 2010 the Cities of Algona and Pacific will no longer receive animal control, animal sheltering or pet licensing services from King County.

Algona and Pacific have joined Metro Animal Services which will provide animal care and control services to their citizens.

Metro Animal Services is a partnership between the cities of Puyallup and Sumner to provide animal control and sheltering services. Metro also serves the cities of Bonney Lake, Edgewood, and Milton.

Algona and Pacific citizens should not contact King County for animal control, animal sheltering or pet licensing issues.

For emergency animal related issues (loose aggressive dogs, animal bites/attacks, injured animals, or in-progress animal cruelty/abuse), Algona and Pacific citizens should now call:

911

For non-emergency animal related issues, Algona and Pacific citizens should now call:

253-841-5595

This is the number to call for all animal related issues, such as:

- Found pets, nuisance animals, or barking dogs
- Questions about pet licenses.
 - You can also call the pet licensing line 253-299-PETS
- Lost pets or surrendering unwanted pets.

Metro Animal Services Shelter Location:

1200 39th Ave SE
Puyallup, WA 98374

Visit Metro's website to learn more and see animals awaiting their Forever Family:

www.metroanimalservices.org

Algona and Pacific Frequently Asked Question

Q. I recently renewed my King County pet license. Is it still good?

A. Yes. Your new King County pet license will be good for 12 months as usual. When it is time to renew, you will receive a Metro Animal Services renewal form.

Q. Do I need to replace my King County pet license tag?

A. No. When you renew your license, you will be sent a new Metro Animal Services pet license tag. In the meantime, your King County pet license tag is valid.

Q. I no longer am able to keep my pet. Should I take it to the Kent Animal Shelter?

A. No. The Algona and Pacific no longer contract with the Kent Animal Shelter. You should call the shelter – 253-841-5595 – for assistance, or take your pet to the Metro Animal Services Shelter in Puyallup (1200 39th Ave SE).

Q. My pet is lost. Where should I go to look for it?

A. It is a good idea to look at as many shelters in the area as possible. Many shelters have information about lost pets on-line. Others have recorded phone lines you can access before going in person. If your pet was picked up by an animal control officer in the Algona or Pacific, it would be taken to the Metro Animal Services Shelter in Puyallup (1200 39th Ave SE).

Q. There is a dead animal on the road in front of my house. Who should I call for help?

A. Call the shelter at -- 253-841-5595 – to reach an animal control officer.

Q. I found a lost pet in front of my house. Who should I call or where should I take it?

A. Call the shelter – 253-841-5595 -- or take the pet to the Metro Animal Services Shelter in Puyallup (1200 39th Ave SE).