



**King County
Proposed Regional Model for
Animal Care & Control Services**

Background

- King County currently provides animal control, sheltering and licensing functions on behalf of cities on a regional basis, in exchange for keeping all pet licensing revenue.
- The County currently spends more than \$2 million annually from the County general fund to support those services.
- The County Council has directed the County Executive to enter into new cost-recovery arrangements with the cities.
- The County is terminating existing animal services contracts, effective July 1.
- The County has proposed a new regional animal control system.
- Cities with current contracts have been asked to indicate intent to participate in new regional model by April 30, 2010.

Services Burien would receive:

- **Field Services:** The County will provide one dedicated animal control officer 5 days a week, 8 hours a day, for our new district which includes Burien, Kent, SeaTac, Tukwila, and portions of unincorporated King County including Skyway, White Center and Vashon Island.
- **Sheltering:** The County would continue to shelter approximately 460 animals per year at an average of \$350 per animal.
- **Licensing:** The County will continue to receive \$119,000 from our residents in licensing revenue per year. This assumes the current level of licensing of approximately 20% of total pets in Burien.

Additional Costs

New General Fund costs in addition to licensing revenue:

- July 1 – Dec 31, 2010: \$64,383
- 2011: \$128,767
- 2012: \$140,542

Total cost for Burien Residents

The total estimated cost to residents for Burien's participation in regional model (licensing revenue + tax dollar funded City General Fund):

Year	License Revenue	City General Fund	Total Cost
2010	\$119,000	\$64,383 July 1-December 31	\$183,383
2011	\$119,000	\$128,767	\$247,767
2012	\$119,000	\$140,542	\$259,542

Alternatives

- Sub-regional model
- In-house
- Privatization
- Combination of above options

Snapshot: Field services

572 Calls for service in 2008*

- Animal Bite (10)
- Vicious Dog (47)
- Injured Animal (26)
- Animal Cruelty (35)
- Stray Dog/Cat
- Barking Dog
- DOA animal

**An estimated 766 calls were received in 2009 including North Burien. Details regarding the types of calls were not available so 2008 data was used for this snapshot.*

***Numbers in parentheses indicate high-priority calls in 2008. This accounts for 118 of 572 total calls for Burien in 2008. Lower priority calls may not be responded to by the County.*

Snapshot: Sheltering

- Sheltering: 460 animals processed in 2009 at an average cost of \$350 per animal. Shelter services include:
 - Care/Feeding/Exercise
 - Pet Adoptions
 - Quarantine of bite animals
 - Redemption of impounded pets
 - Animal sheltering during disasters and emergencies

Snapshot: Licensing

- In 2009 an estimated 4,468 licenses were issued for Burien pets for an estimated revenue total of \$119,251.
- This accounts for approximately 20% of the pet population in Burien.