

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION

NO.: 2012-026

**TO REIMBURSE DONATED FUNDS BY ENTITIES OR GROUPS ON
BEHALF OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FOR THE CARE OF ABANDONED ANIMALS**

- WHEREAS: The Sheriff's Office is responsible for abandoned animals within the county of Kittitas in accordance with RCW 16.54.020; and
- WHEREAS: The Sheriff is responsible for the disposal or sale of such animal at public auction in accordance with RCW 16.54.030, and
- WHEREAS: Proceeds of such sale shall be paid to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund in accordance with RCW 16.54.030, and
- WHEREAS: Local groups/entities donate funds on behalf of the Sheriff's Office for the care of abandoned animals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners declares the proceeds from the public auction first be distributed to any groups/entities who donated funds for the care of said animals while in the custody of the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office in accordance with RCW 16.54.020.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2012, at Ellensburg Washington


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Alan Crankovich, Chair

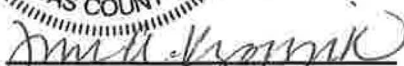


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Clerk of the Board

Chapter 16.54 RCW
Abandoned animals

RCW Sections

16.54.010 When deemed abandoned.

16.54.020 Disposition of abandoned animal by person having custody.

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16.54.010

When deemed abandoned.

An animal is deemed to be abandoned under the provisions of this chapter when it is placed in the custody of a veterinarian, boarding kennel owner, or any person for treatment, board, or care and:

(1) Having been placed in such custody for an unspecified period of time the animal is not removed within fifteen days after notice to remove the animal has been given to the person who placed the animal in such custody or having been so notified the person depositing the animal refuses or fails to pay agreed upon or reasonable charges for the treatment, board, or care of such animal, or;

(2) Having been placed in such custody for a specified period of time the animal is not removed at the end of such specified period or the person depositing the animal refuses to pay agreed upon or reasonable charges for the treatment, board, or care of such animal.

[1977 ex.s. c 67 § 1; 1955 c 190 § 1.]

16.54.020

Disposition of abandoned animal by person having custody.

Any person having in his or her care, custody, or control any abandoned animal as defined in RCW

16.54.010, may deliver such animal to any humane society having facilities for the care of such animals or to any pound maintained by or under contract or agreement with any city or county within which such animal was abandoned. If no such humane society or pound exists within the county the person with whom the animal was abandoned may notify the sheriff of the county wherein the abandonment occurred.

[2011 c 336 § 425; 1955 c 190 § 2.]

16.54.030

Duty of sheriff — Sale — Disposition of proceeds.

It shall be the duty of the sheriff of such county upon being so notified, to dispose of such animal as provided by law in reference to estrays if such law is applicable to the animal abandoned, or if not so applicable then such animal shall be sold by the sheriff at public auction. Notice of any such sale shall be given by posting a notice in three public places in the county at least ten days prior to such public sale. Proceeds of such sale shall be paid to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund.

[1955 c 190 § 3.]