

# Kittitas County Sheriff

## Agenda Staff Report

### **AGENDA DATE:**

2/22/2012

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Request a resolution in regards to abandoned animals to the Sheriff's Office. The Resolution would allow the proceeds from the auction of said animals to first be distributed to any entity who donated funds for the care of said animals while in the custody of the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office up to the amount they donated.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Per RCW the Sheriff is responsible for abandoned animals within the county. Past practice we have used our local "Rodeo City Equine Rescue Group." to care for, and adopt out the abandoned animals (horses). There has been an increase in the amount of abandoned horses and their members have taken in all they can care for. These animals have now become property of the Sheriff's Office. In an effort to assist the Sheriff, the Equine Rescue Group donated money to purchase hay to feed the horses while in our care. Currently the proceeds from the auction of the animals goes directly to the general fund. We would like to see groups/entities like this get reimbursed from the proceeds of the auction.

### **INTERACTION:**

Kittitas County Sheriff's Office  
Rodeo City Equine Rescue

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

### **HANDLING:**

### **LEAD STAFF:**

Matt Martin