

CITY OF SULTAN ANIMAL CONTROL FACTS
May 18, 2007 through October 12, 2007

Total of thirty seven (43) lost and/or roaming dogs and an additional 15 posted lost signs at the Sultan Veterinary Clinic from people who do not know the City has Animal Control.

27 lost and/or roaming dogs were found and returned to their owners.

9 issues of animal neglect and/or cruelty.

21 cats picked up with 12+ to be trapped, fixed and released on October 15, 2007.

Animal Control has brought in approximately \$1,000.00 Since May 18, 2007 in fees

There are an estimated 600 pets registered with the City at this time with approximately 150 of them being issued lifetime licenses. If each of those owners were to renew their license at the proposed fee for 2008, it could potentially bring the City \$20,000.00 not including impound fees and citations.

Additional information to be added to the proposed fee schedule. All owners must show proof of current rabies vaccination before a City license can be issued. The first rabies shot is good for one year and after that it must be given every three years. Only a licensed veterinarian can administer this "live vaccine".

All information for proposed fee schedule was obtained by contacting the City of Snohomish, King County, Woodinville and Duvall who is contracted with King County. Monroe charges \$30.00 for unaltered dogs and cats and \$20.00 for altered (see attached). Gold Bar charges \$35.00 for licenses and \$20.00 per day for kennel fee.

There have been an alarming number of vicious attacks by pit bulls nationwide. The Index Municipal Code deems all breeds of pit bulls "dangerous" and Index has never had any issues with roaming pit bulls or any attacks by this breed. Everett Animal Shelter euthanizes all breeds of mix/or full pit bulls. I believe it would be in the best interest of the children and citizens of Sultan to change our municipal code to deem the pit bull breed "potentially dangerous".

I would like to propose some changes to the animal control fees.

First, I would like to suggest doing away with "lifetime" licensing as this is cutting funds that would effectively support Animal Control each year. If the City plans to keep an Animal Control Officer for 2008, a notice of new "Licensing Fees" should

be sent out to every resident stating that Lifetime fees are no longer valid and all dogs and cats must be licensed per Ordinance 6.08.040.

Second, both King and Snohomish County charge \$35.00 per year for cats and dogs that are unaltered and \$20.00 for altered with no option of "lifetime licensing". Snohomish County also charges a \$250.00 fine for unlicensed pets.

Suggested Fee Schedule:

Dog and Cat License Fee, Annual – Unaltered.....	\$35.00
Dog and Cat License Fee, Annual - Altered.....	\$20.00

For Residents 65 years of age and older:

Dog and Cat License Fee, Annual – Unaltered.....	\$20.00
Dog and Cat License Fee, Annual – Altered.....	\$15.00

Impound Fees

1 st Offense.....	\$35.00
2 nd Offense.....	\$60.00
3 rd Offense and Subsequent Offenses.....	\$120.00
Post Notice of Impound.....	\$10.00
Kennel Room / Board per day.....	\$20.00
Kennel Room / Board per day Saturday and Sunday.....	\$25.00
Replacement for lost/damaged tags.....	\$5.00
Transport to Everett Animal Shelter.....	\$35.00