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## Animal complaints now accepted on line

The Snohomish County Auditor's Office announced today animal-related complaints can now be filed on line. County Animal Control officers will respond. To file a complaint, direct your computer to <http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Auditor/Divisions/Licensing>, and click on **Animal Services - On-Line Complaints**.

Citizens can report dogs running loose in their neighborhood, vicious dogs, animal neglect and abuse, unlicensed pets, and livestock at large. The web access will also help provide important statistical data on the most frequent types of animal complaints received by the county. The county's Animal Control unit annually responds to over 7,500 animal-related complaints.

### Animal Services Hotline

In January, a new animal services hotline (**425-388-3440**) also became available for reporting animal-related complaints in unincorporated Snohomish County. Callers will be assisted by the Licensing staff during regular business hours, or may leave a voice message after hours. This hotline is designed to reduce the number of non-emergency animal-complaint calls made to 9-1-1. However, anyone with a life-threatening emergency, including animal bites, should call 9-1-1 for assistance.

"The implementation of the animal services web site coincides with the transfer of the county's Animal Control unit from the Sheriff to the Auditor's Office – Licensing Division," said Bob Terwilliger, Snohomish County Auditor. "This move consolidates all of the county's animal service programs and animal code enforcement under the same department".

### Found Pet's Free Ride Home

If you find a pet with a Snohomish County Regional Pet License, please call 425-388-3627 to access the lost pet Interactive Voice Response system to reunite the pet with its' owner. Finders of lost pets may also access pet owner information through the Auditor's web page at <http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Auditor/Divisions/Licensing/Pet/LostOrFoundPets.htm>, then click on the **Found Pets** link.

For additional information, visit the Auditor's web page or contact the Snohomish County Auditor's Office – Licensing Division during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm at 425-388-3388.