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City of Renton to provide state-of-the-art animal control shelter services

Renton, WA –The City of Renton has established a partnership with a new veterinary facility to provide state-of-the-art animal control shelter services. The city’s long-standing agreement with the Seattle Humane Society was terminated this summer and the new partnership offers a substantial increase in the services offered.

“We are very pleased with this partnership,” said Mayor Denis Law. “This new award-winning animal hospital with veterinary medical expertise and a highly sterilized facility offers the best shelter and care for animals as they wait to be united with their owners.”

The new facility offers a full service clinic and boarding area. Animals receive personal care from dedicated staff, and veterinarians are on site and on call in case of medical needs. Every animal brought to them will receive a full medical examination, vaccination, and if necessary, flea treatments. Spay/neuter, microchipping and dental services are also available.

The facility features separate wings for cats and dogs with individual climate control and dedicated heat and air conditioning. The cat boarding area is designed for function and comfort and includes six levels of space for cats to eat, drink, exercise and rest. Air circulation is controlled so cats will not share air thereby eliminating the risk of spreading disease. The dog boarding area features 29 individual sites, with tempered doors and sealed floors and walls to prevent the spread of germs. The units have large windows and skylights to allow natural light.

In addition to the partnership with the veterinary clinic, the city has adopted some additional animal control measures to improve service. Partnerships are also being developed with other organizations to assist with adoption services. Volunteers will help coordinate the rehoming and transfer of unclaimed animals after the hold period. Connecting animals with their owners has been expanded to include social media communications. Holding some animals for up to five days instead of the three days required by law is being considered.

It is anticipated that the current budget will be able to pay the costs of sheltering the animals at the veterinary facility.

The city continues to increase outreach and education efforts to get pet owners to license, spay/neuter and micro-chip their animals. Plans include hosting several community events including pet fairs, licensing and chipping campaigns, and social media and advertising efforts.

About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 101,300 (2016), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted the attention of nationally recognized companies that are providing employees and their families an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information can be found at rentonwa.gov.

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