



SEATTLE HUMANE RESPONDS TO COUNCIL'S DEADLINE TO CLOSE SHELTERS ON JAN 31st

CEO Brenda Barnette says Talks Continue with County, Cities

Seattle Humane Society CEO Brenda Barnette released a statement in response to the County Council's announcement last night to close the King County animal shelters on Jan. 31:

"The Seattle Humane Society has been working with the King County Executive to develop an agreement to provide sheltering services once the Kent and Crossroad shelters close. We are also engaged in similar discussions with local cities.

"We look forward to continued negotiations with the King County Executive and hope the process will also include representatives from the County Council, the cities and the other private rescue groups who want to participate so that we can have a totally transparent process. If there is no delay in bringing all interested parties to the negotiating table, I believe that the January 31st deadline set by County Council last night is achievable.

"The Seattle Humane Society's goal is for the agreement to serve the animals in our community, to make good sense financially, and to support the legislative direction of the King County Council. The outcome must be a system that can deliver the very best care to the animals in our county. They deserve nothing less."

Seattle Humane Society has been awarded the coveted 4-star rating by Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. Founded in 1897 to bring people and pets together, Seattle Humane Society provides incredible companion animals for adoption 7 days a week, pet workshops and training, a pet food bank, a low-fee spay/neuter surgery program, humane teen club, a visiting pets program and more. Seattle Humane Society is located in Bellevue, at 13212 SE Eastgate Way. For directions and more information, visit www.seattlehumane.org or call (425) 641-0080.