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## SEATTLE HUMANE SOCIETY STANDS READY TO HELP KING COUNTY SHELTERS

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**BELLEVUE, WA** – Today, King County Council heard a disturbing report from a consultant on the ongoing conditions at King County’s two public animal shelters, located in Kent and Crossroads/Bellevue. Members of the King County Council responded to the report by saying it now faces the decision on whether to take the County out of the provision of shelter services.

“We’ve had several calls from the public confusing us with the King County shelter. We are a private nonprofit organization of over 100 years that does not receive any funding from the city, state or federal government,” states Chuck Stempler, Board Chair for the Seattle Humane Society. “Like the community, we are distressed by what the report revealed today and we stand ready to help King County address these problems as much as we can.”

The Seattle Humane Society and numerous other private nonprofit animal welfare agencies in the Puget Sound community are hard at work around the clock attempting to ensure that no adoptable companion animal is euthanized. The Seattle Humane Society remains committed to be of assistance to King County Animal Care and Control as it works through the issues and opportunities it faces.

*The Seattle Humane Society was founded in 1897 to bring people and pets together. The Seattle Humane Society does this today through its low-fee spay/neuter surgery program, pet workshops and training, pet food bank, humane teen club, visiting pets program and more. The Seattle Humane Society is located in Bellevue, at 13212 SE Eastgate Way. For directions and more information, visit [www.seattlehumane.org](http://www.seattlehumane.org) or call (425) 641-0080.*

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