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COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

EMERGENCY  
ORDINANCE NO. 87-131

ANIMAL CONTROL REVISIONS; AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE  
CHAPTER 9.12; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 9.12.040, has amended by §10 of Resolution adopted July 10, 1978, is amended to read as follows:

9.12.040 Impounding. The director of the county animal control agency and/or his authorized personnel may apprehend any animals found doing or involved in any of the acts defined as a public nuisance and/or being subjected to cruel treatment as defined by law. Domesticated animals found running at large in the county may be deposited by residents of the county at any animal shelter authorized to provide the county with shelter services. After such animals are apprehended, the county animal control agency shall determine whether they are licensed, or otherwise identifiable and if reasonably possible, return the animal to the owner together with a notice of violation of the code. If it is not reasonably possible to return immediately the animal to its owner, the county animal control agency shall notify the owner of the animal within a reasonable time by telephone or certified mail or direct personal contact that the animal has been impounded and may be redeemed at the designated animal holding facility. Any unlicensed animal impounded pursuant to this title shall be held for the owner at least seventy-two (72) hours which is to toll beginning with apprehension. For licensed animals, the tolling shall begin upon notification to the owner of said impoundment. Such notice shall either be personal, by telephone, or by mail. Delivery of a copy of said notice of impoundment to any person of suitable age and discretion residing upon the owner's premises shall be deemed not deemed notified until receipt of the notice. If reasonable attempts have been made by the appropriate authority to notify

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said owner but without success, the licensed animal shall be held for at least ten (10) days from date of apprehension. All impounded periods shall continue to toll during those hours when the designated impound facility is not open for business. Any animal not redeemed by its owner during the prescribed time, or which is suffering from serious injury or disease, may be humanely destroyed, or in the descretion of the impounding authority may be held for a longer period and redeemed by any person upon payment of reasonable medical, impound and holding costs. No live animals shall be used, sold or donated for experimentation purposes. The owner of any animal impounded pursuant to the provisions of this title may recover said animal or animals pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.12.110 of this title.

The above return and notification requirements shall not apply to any animal that is deemed abandoned under the provisions of RCW Chapter 16.54. For purposes of this section, such animals shall be deemed to be without owner.

Section 2. Emergency Declared. The Council finds that in order to insure the continued shelter and care of homeless animals in Snohomish County, that an emergency exists and that the ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, and safety. Based upon these findings, this ordinance shall be effective immediately.

PASSED this 23rd day of December, 1987.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

Shirley Bartholomew  
Chairperson

Approved as to Form:

Traci M. Goodwin  
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

ATTEST:

Matthew J. Norton  
Clerk of Council

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