



Signature Report

August 31, 2009

Motion 13050

Proposed No. 2009-0418.2

Sponsors Lambert, Constantine, Phillips and
Patterson

1 A MOTION establishing requirements for the animal care
2 and control disaster and emergency response plan.

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4 WHEREAS, the survival of domestic animals is dependent on the provision of
5 care by people, and

6 WHEREAS, the humane treatment of domestic animals is of value to the citizens
7 of King County, and

8 WHEREAS, national experience has proven that effective response to assist
9 domestic animals in natural and human-made disasters not only saves the lives of
10 animals, is essential to save the lives of the people who are unwilling to leave their pets
11 behind, and

12 WHEREAS, King County provides shelter for approximately twelve thousand
13 domestic animals annually who are lost, abandoned, surrendered or unclaimed, and

14 WHEREAS, King County is responsible for providing animal care and control
15 services to thirty-four contract cities, and

16 WHEREAS, King County must take the necessary steps to plan and prepare for
17 both natural and human-made disasters and emergencies, and

18 WHEREAS, King County animal care and control will likely be designated the
19 lead agency in coordinating animal-related disaster and emergency aid, if the county
20 needs to respond to a natural or human-made disaster or emergency affecting domestic
21 animals, and

22 WHEREAS, the King County animal care and control shelters may be directly
23 affected by natural or human-made disasters and emergencies, and

24 WHEREAS, private resources in King County can assist King County animal care
25 and control in effectively responding to natural or human-made disasters and
26 emergencies that affect domestic animals as well as those animals in King County
27 shelters, and

28 WHEREAS, expertise is available both locally and nationally on how King
29 County's can best plan and prepare for natural and human-made disasters and
30 emergencies;

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

32 A. The county executive is requested to file with the clerk of the council by
33 November 1, 2009, twelve copies of an animal care and control disaster and emergency
34 response plan, for distribution to all councilmembers and the lead staff of the government
35 accountability and oversight committee, detailing how King County would respond to
36 natural and human-made disasters and emergencies affecting domestic animals,
37 including, but not limited to, disasters that directly affect animals in King County
38 shelters. The county executive shall first seek advice and assistance from response
39 experts including, but not limited to, the Pierce county Animal Response Team, the
40 Washington state Animal Response Team, the Humane Society of Seattle/King County,

41 the Humane Society of the United States, United Animal Nations, Best Friends Animal
42 Society and Muttsack Animal Rescue to develop standards and protocols. The county
43 executive shall use these standards and protocols to develop an implementation plan with
44 stakeholders, including, but not limited to, all thirty-four contract cities, the city of
45 Seattle, Snohomish county, Pierce county, Washington state Animal Response Team, the
46 Humane Society of Seattle/King County, the American Red Cross, the Progressive
47 Animal Welfare Society, Vashon Island Pet Protectors and the Washington State
48 Veterinary Medical Association. The plan shall include, but not be limited to the
49 following:

- 50 1. All key elements contained in the second edition of the UC Davis Veterinary
51 Medicine Extension's DANR Guide to Disaster Preparedness;
- 52 2. Establish roles, responsibilities and chains of command for King County staff
53 and partner organizations;
- 54 3. Identify specific King County staff assigned to various roles and
55 responsibilities;
- 56 4. Integration into broader plans addressing natural and human-made disasters
57 and emergencies as coordinated by the King County office of emergency management;
- 58 5. Identify all key local resources, both public and private, that can be utilized to
59 assist with transportation, sheltering and rescue;
- 60 6. Outline a training and implementation plan for King County staff; and
- 61 7. Enter into memorandums of understanding with organizations identified as
62 emergency shelter locations.

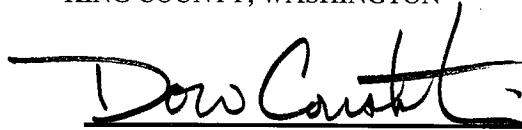
63 B. The county executive is further requested to file with the clerk of the council
64 by October 1, 2009, twelve copies of a preliminary animal care and control disaster and
65 emergency response plan, for distribution to all councilmembers and the lead staff of the
66 government accountability and oversight committee, outlining a thorough emergency
67 response should the King County animal care and control shelters be affected by severe
68 flooding related to the Green river.

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Motion 13050 was introduced on 7/13/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 8/31/2009, by the following vote:

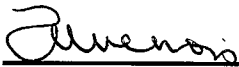
Yes: 8 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. Dunn

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None