



# Pierce County

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## Auditor's Office

### **Julie Anderson**

*Pierce County Auditor*

January 2010

My name is Julie Anderson, Pierce County's new Auditor, responsible for Animal Control services.

### **Mary Schmidtke**

*Fiscal Manager*

You have received this letter because you are either a member of the Equine Task Force or the Canine Advisory Panel, or you attended a summit, under the leadership of prior auditors.

### **Mike Fitta**

*Information Technology*

*Specialist*

Thank you for your volunteer service. Advisory groups and public meetings are crucial to improving the performance of the public sector.

### **Steve Kosche**

*Department Information  
Technology Specialist*

## **Changes**

After a review of the Equine Task Force and the Canine Advisory Panel (charter, membership, meetings-to-date, and work product), I have decided to make the following changes:

### **Lori Augino**

*Elections Manager*

- **Combine the canine and equine groups into one Animal Services Advisory Panel**

### **Michael Rooney**

*Elections Supervisor*

- **Discharge and re-appoint members**

### **Lisa Drury**

*Recording/Licensing*

- Base the Panel's membership on technical expertise and diversity of perspectives
- Choose members through a public application process, rather than personal selection

### **Patti Shay**

*Licensing Supervisor*

- Publish a clearly-stated purpose and goals for the group

### **Tim Anderson**

*Animal Control  
Supervisor*

- Establish regular meetings, staffed by Animal Control Officers and attended by the Pierce County Auditor, with an opportunity for public testimony

## **NEW! Animal Services Advisory Panel**

### ***Purpose***

Provide the Pierce County Auditor with comprehensive plans and specific recommendations directed toward improving the overall quality of care and control of animals.

The Advisory Panel makes recommendations to the Pierce County Auditor on animal control codes, policies and programs on a monthly basis.

### ***Goals and Objectives***

- Assist in coordination of public agencies, private and nonprofit organizations, related to animal control programs, facilities and services within Pierce County.
- Help to identify existing needs, problems and resources related to animal control.
- Review applicable laws, ordinances, codes and regulations and make recommendations for compliance or improvement.
- Promote responsible pet ownership.
- Promote Pierce County Animal Services.

### ***Membership***

1. Two at-large members
2. A Veterinarian (currently licensed and practicing)
3. Two members representing animal welfare organizations (board of directors, staff members)
4. A member who is affiliated with a purebred animal registry
5. A member who does not own an animal
6. A member who owns a horse
7. A member who owns something other than a dog, cat or horse
8. A representative of a municipality receiving animal control services from PCAC
9. A representative from the Pierce County Health Department
10. An owner of a pet related business (operated in unincorporated Pierce County)

### ***Meeting Schedule***

Beginning in March, 2010, the Animal Services Advisory Panel will meet every third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the public hearing room at the Pierce County Annex. Join us!

Work assignments such as research, reading, and committee meetings will be conducted between the meetings. Advisory Panel members should expect to dedicate an average of four to eight hours per month.

### ***Application***

I hope that you will submit an application for membership. As you can see from the membership composition, there is probably a role for you!

Apply on-line

1. Visit [www.piercecountywa.org/auditor](http://www.piercecountywa.org/auditor)
2. Click on Animal Services page
3. Complete the application on-line

Apply by mail

- Call 253-798-3188 or e-mail [Julie.Anderson@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:Julie.Anderson@co.pierce.wa.us)
- We'll mail an application to you!

Once again, I thank you for your volunteer service. Please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

*Julie Anderson*

Pierce County Auditor

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