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JOINT CITY OF PORTLAND
MULTNOMAH COUNTY
ANIMAL SERVICES TASKFORCE

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County Chair
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**PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSION
ACCEPT ANIMAL SERVICES TASKFORCE REPORT**

In January 2008, the Portland City Council and the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners created a joint Animal Services Taskforce. The Taskforce was chartered to study feasible options for providing animal services in the City of Portland. After meeting for one year, the taskforce presented their report to the City Council on February 11, 2009 and to the Board of County Commissioners on February 12, 2009. The two governments have directed animal services to convene a joint city-county team to create a specific action plan to implement the recommendations, and report back to the City Council and County Board in June 2009.

Multnomah County Chair Ted Wheeler and Portland City Commissioner Randy Leonard have provided the political leadership to engage the community in this effort to improve services. The taskforce was an outstanding group of citizens, city and county staff, and many of the community's most respected opinion leaders concerning animal issues. The City Council and the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners are committed to enhance the livability of Portland neighborhoods by ensuring that the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Portland, and their pets, are protected through adequately funded animal services.

The final taskforce report is in four parts. They are included as the following attachments:

1. Recommendations:
[Final Report - Recommendations](#)
2. Appendix A - Details and Expanded Discussion:
[Final Report - Appendix A](#)
3. Appendix B – Financial Model and Projections: Detail of discussion in Taskforce Committees (see Taskforce Report for items from Committee adopted by the Taskforce).
[Final Report Appendix B Binder](#)
4. Appendix C – Additional Plans and Proposals submitted and reviewed but not adopted by the Taskforce.
[Final Report - Appendix C Binder](#)