

HB 1234 Notice Requirements

Time for Providing Notice: Within 72 hours following the seizure (Sec. 2 (4)).

Methods for Providing Notice: The notice must be provided in writing by one of the following methods (Sec. 2 (4)):

1. Posting at the place of seizure,
2. Delivery to the last known or suspected owner in person,
3. Delivery to a person residing at the place of seizure, **or**
4. Registered mail to the last known or suspected owner.

Required Contents for Notice (Sec. 2 (4)(a) – (e)):

- (a) The **name, business address, and telephone number** of the law enforcement agency or animal care and control agency responsible for seizing the animal.
- (b) A description of the seized animal(s).
- (c) The **authority and purpose** for the seizure, and:
 - Time of the seizure
 - Place of the seizure
 - Circumstances under which the animal was seized
- (d) A statement that:
 - the owner is responsible for the cost of care for an animal who is lawfully seized
 - The owner will be required to post a bond with the clerk of the district court of the county from which the animal was seized to defray the cost of minimum care within 14 calendar days of the seizure or the animal will be deemed abandoned and forfeited, pursuant to RCW 16.52.085 Sec. 2(5).
- (e) A statement that:
 - The owner has the right to petition the district court for a civil hearing for immediate return of the animal.
 - In order to receive a hearing, the owner or owner's agent must request the civil hearing by signing and returning to the court the enclosed petition within 14 calendar days after the date of seizure.
- (f) **The agency must attach a Petition form that is substantially the same as is set out in RCW 16.52.085 Sec. 2(13) to the Notice. (See Sec. 2 (4)(e)).**