



# NEWS RELEASE

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 23, 2019

### CONTACT

[Aaron Snell](#), public information officer, media line: 425-257-7444

## Police investigating cat mutilations in Everett

(Updated Release: August 23, 2019)

After receiving complaints about a series of cat mutilations, Everett Police worked with Everett Animal Services (EAS) and consulted a veterinarian. When initial findings suggested limbs had been removed in an intentional manner, the department assigned a detective to examine the cases and follow-up on tips provided by the public. The case reviews and tips did not lead the detective to believe someone was mutilating cats and a second necropsy was performed on another cat. The second results showed signs that a predatory animal attack caused the death, with postmortem scavenging of the body. With the new information and review of prior cases, the department does not believe a human is intentionally killing and mutilating cats. There is no indication what type of animal attacked the cats.

EAS still recommends keeping cats indoors to protect them from cars, wildlife, disease, and harmful individuals. All pets should have identification such as a current license tag and/or registered microchip. For more information about lost/found animals in Everett and Snohomish County visit [www.everettwa.gov/lostandfoundpets](http://www.everettwa.gov/lostandfoundpets).

###

(Original Release: August 9, 2019)

EVERETT – Everett Police is investigating a recent series of cat mutilations in Everett.

In June, Everett Animal Services (EAS) started receiving complaints of dead cats in north Everett. In most cases, only limbs were recovered. It was initially believed the deaths were a result of other animals preying on the cats, but an examination last week by a veterinarian suggested the limbs were removed in an intentional manner. EAS reported the findings to Everett Police.

“Based on the veterinarian’s assessment, Everett Police considers these incidents to be feline mutilation,” said Investigations Captain Jeraud Irving. “Without much information to work from, we are looking for the public to help further our investigation.”

Dates and locations of mutilation discoveries:

- June 13 in the 2200 block of Rockefeller Ave
- July 13 in the 3300 block of Rockefeller Ave
- July 15 in the 3300 block of Rockefeller Ave
- July 27 in the 2200 block Rockefeller Ave
- Aug. 7 in the 3600 block of Federal Ave

Anyone with information about who might be involved, or has experienced a similar situation with their pet over the past six months, is asked to Everett Police Department TIP LINE at (425) 257-8450.

For their safety, EAS recommends keeping cats indoors where they are protected from cars, wildlife, disease, and harmful individuals. All cats, whether kept indoors or allowed outside, should have identification such as a current license tag and/or registered microchip. For more information about lost/found animals in Everett and Snohomish County visit [www.everettwa.gov/lostandfoundpets](http://www.everettwa.gov/lostandfoundpets).

News Releases are located at: [www.everettwa.gov/EPDNews](http://www.everettwa.gov/EPDNews).

###