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## AUDIT REPORT WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

LEXINGTON, KY -- The 2016 Distinguished Knighton Award for best performance audit in the Medium audit shop category has been awarded to the Multnomah County Auditor's Office by the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA). The Award will be formally presented at ALGA's Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA on May 22, 2017.

The report, Animal Services Audit, was judged on several key elements, such as the potential for significant impact, the persuasiveness of the conclusions, the focus on improving government efficiency and effectiveness, and its clarity, conciseness and innovation.

The audit is a thorough and well-documented examination of an issue that affects a broad swath of the public. In particular, the audit used *effect* consistently to clarify for the readers why the findings mattered to policymakers and citizens.

Multnomah County's web-based Animal Services Audit report scored high marks for innovation. The Audit Team's robust fieldwork was showcased in a series of web videos, drawing their diverse audiences in with clear statements, graphics, and images of the animals affected by lapses in care. Nicole Dewees and Jennifer McGuirk, Senior Management Auditors, performed the audit.

Each year, local government audit organizations from around the U.S. and Canada submit their best performance audit reports for judging. The purpose of the competition is to improve government services by encouraging and increasing levels of excellence among local government auditors. Judges from peer organizations determined that this audit was among the best of 2016.

The Association of Local Government Auditors is a national audit association founded in 1985 committed to supporting and improving local government auditing through advocacy, collaboration, education, and training, while upholding and promoting the highest standards of professional ethics.

The audit report can be accessed at: <https://multco.us/auditor/animal-services>