



**ANIMAL MATTERS HEARING BOARD
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of County Commissioners
VIA: Terry Shannon, County Administrator *TS*
FROM: Nancy Ball, Chair, Animal Matters Hearing Board *NB*
DATE: June 1, 2018
SUBJECT: Annual Report for Animal Matters Hearing Board

Background:

The Board of County Commissioners as authorized by Maryland Annotated Code, Local Government Article, §13-115(d) created the Animal Matters Hearing Board by Ordinance No. 02-17.

Annual Report Fiscal Year

Budget: None

Actual: None

Purpose

The Board of County Commissioners established the Animal Matters Hearing Board (AMHB) and vests authority within that Board to: (1) hear and decide administrative appeals pertaining to the enforcement of the provisions of Chapter 7; and (2) the only advisory board to make recommendations for the amendment of Chapter 7.

Past Accomplishments

- 1st meeting occurred on May 17, 2017 commenced organization of board, development of objectives and rules of procedure;
- Over the rest of 2017 completed the organization, developed hearing formats and procedures;
- Heard seven (7) dangerous dog appeals, three (3) appeals denied and four (4) appeals approved; and
- During this period completed the organization of the board, finished the rules of procedure, and commenced one of our major objectives – the review and revision of the Animal Control Ordinance of 2008. The board determined that part 9 Dangerous Animal was in critical need of review and revision;

Current Projects

- Complete recommended revisions to Chapter - 7 Animals Part 9 Dangerous and Prohibited Animals, and Part 7 – Outside Areas, Enclosures and Tethering of the Calvert County Animal Control Ordinance;
- Continue to review and make recommended appropriate revisions to additional sections of the Animal Control Ordinance; and
- Continue to hear cases brought in front of Animal Matters Hearing Board for dangerous animal appeals.

Future Goals

- Continue to review Chapter 7, Part 7 - Outside Areas, Enclosures and Tethering of the Calvert County Animal Control Ordinance and recommend appropriate revisions;
- Getting BOCC approval of recommended amendments to Chapter, 7 Part 9 and 7 of the Animal Ordinance; and
- To monitor animal matters in the County and address matters that the board determines to require action.

Thank you for your support.