

Baltimore County Animal Services  
Advisory Commission  
July 17, 2018

The thirty-first regular meeting of the Baltimore County Animal Services Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 in the Main Conference Room of the Drumcastle Government Center. This meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by the Chair Deborah Stone-Hess. Members in attendance were: Deborah Stone-Hess, Gerald Brooks, Jon Christiana, Joy Freedman, Roy Plummer, Larry Townsend, Janice Vincent (by phone) and Julianne Zimmer.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the June 19, 2018 meeting were motioned and approved as submitted.

Motion –

Motioned by: Joy Freedman  
Second by: Julianne Zimmer  
Decision: Approved

**New Business**

***Welcome New Commission Member, Gerald Brooks***

Mr. Gerald Brooks was able to attend. He introduced himself and was introduced to other members. Mr. Brooks was with the Baltimore County Police Department for 33 years, retired in 2012, and is once again working with the Police Department. He was involved in assembly of the Police Department Animal Abuse Team. The Commission welcomed him. Another member of the Police Department will soon be joining the Commission as Councilman Julian Jones's appointee. His name is Major Robert McCullough.

***Animal Abuse Team***

Detective Mo Gardner, Sergeant Sundia Gaynor, Detective Monica Ward, and Animal Service Officer Allan Kulbicki from the Animal Abuse Team were present and answered questions.

Q: Where are most of the calls coming from?

A: We get calls from every entity. Animal Services, State's Attorney's office, vets, citizens, patrol, etc. We have investigated 42 or 43 cases to date.

Q: How many approx. have been referred to the State's Attorney's office?

A: 8 cases that have been forwarded to the State's Attorney's office.

Q: Do you see more coming soon to be forwarded to the State's Attorney's office?

A: We are unable to project how many more cases will be forwarded.

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Q: In reference to calls of dogs left in cars unattended, if a citizen calls police, it goes to dispatch?

A: For all abuse complaints that go through the patrol cars or animal services, a report is sent to the Animal Abuse Team. Unless extreme cases, Animal Abuse Team does not investigate animals locked in cars.

Q: What is the process where it took four hours for patrol to respond to a case on Wareham Rd.? (This was a case involving two dogs tethered to the fender of a vehicle with the heat index over 100 degrees that day.) When citizen call the police, what is the process for a dog tied to a jeep in this weather?

A: The process hasn't changed. Call goes to 911 and a patrol officer is dispatched. If an animal is not in distress, Animal Services is dispatched. If Animal Services is not able to contact a resident, then the Animal Abuse Team is dispatched.

Q: What is the criteria of whether dispatching a police unit or animal services? Who makes that decision?

A: Police department responds if there is a criminal act involved, and if not, animal services is dispatched.

Q: Who decides who handles the call (i.e. police patrol unit or animal services)?  
Is there a flow chart of protocol?

A: Dispatch will send call to police if criminal in nature, or to animal services. If animal services advises there is criminal activity, information is forwarded to the Animal Abuse Team. It starts with patrol like the incident on Wareham Rd. The officer felt the dogs were not in any danger, until we got wind of it and looked at all the facts and decided to further investigate.

Q: What kind of training has been given to those on the Animal Abuse Team? What kind of training is in the future for the Team?

A: All members have attended a training put on by the State's Attorney's office. . They will also attend horse/equine training for two days at Days End in August. No more funds are available for additional training this fiscal year. We're going to start going to different precincts and give them information. We have drawn up an investigative guide for them. We should complete that within a month. The unit will start roll-call training possibly on Thursday this week. They will explain scenarios that they have encountered within the precincts. This should be completed in a month. Once we have more experience we're going to do training at our academy for new recruits.

Q: With police officers now often being dispatched on animal control type calls, how comfortable and informed are patrol officers with Article 12? Like not being able to sell pups at a flea market or Oscar's law? How is the police department going to be trained to handle the nuances of animal control? We think it's an insurmountable task. My concern is that things will slip through the cracks.

A: As this unit becomes more familiar with what they are doing, those around them will become more knowledgeable.

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Q: Do you have equipment?

A: Yes, microchip reader, stretcher, rabies shots, poles and have ordered additional supplies, such as Tyvex suits for messy situations. Once the unit determines there is a problem or issue they are unable to resolve, they will come to the Animal Services Advisory Commission for assistance.

Q: Is there anything we, as the Commission, can do to assist the Team?

A: Whatever you think would help you could do. There are a lot of people that are not aware of Oscar's Law. Whatever you can do to spread the word would be helpful. When the Baltimore County Police Department was looking for individuals with animal background, these people stepped up to be a part of the Animal Abuse Team.

Q: Is Allan's salary paid by Animal Services or the Police Department?

A: Allan is employed by the Baltimore County Police Department.

### *Quarterly Statistics*

Normally we request the quarterly statistics from Animal Services Administration and Baltimore County's Administrative Officer. We requested them and they were not sent. We had to go to the Maryland Department of Agriculture to get them. Here are the stats for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter:

**MARYLAND ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER SURVEY / 1**

Name of Shelter/Facility: Baltimore County Animal Services

Address: 13800 Manor Road Baldwin, MD. 21013

Shelter Manager: Lauren Pavlik EMAIL: lpavlik@baltimorecountymd.gov Phone: 410-887-7297

Name of Person completing this survey: Gary Klunk

**Activity for Reporting Quarter: April-June 2018**

	<b>DOGS</b>	<b>CATS</b>
<b>A. Live Animal Count at Beginning of Quarter</b>	42	45
<b>B. Stray/At Large</b>	319	407
<b>C. Relinquished by Owner</b>	125	169
<b>D. Owner Requested Euthanasia</b>	63	73
<b>E. Transferred in from another Agency</b>	0	0
<b>F. Other Live Intakes (impounds, births, animals placed in foster care, brought in for TNR, etc)</b>	10	274
<b>G. TOTAL LIVE INTAKE DURING QTR (B+C+D+E+F)</b>	517	923
<b>H. Adoption</b>	116	209
<b>I. Returned to Owner</b>	172	22
<b>J. Transferred to another Agency</b>	146	210
<b>K. Other Live Outcome (includes TNRs released)</b>	0	287
<b>L. Died/Lost in Care</b>	2	11
<b>M. Euthanasia- at Owner's Request</b>	52	52
<b>N. Euthanasia-All other than owner request</b>	23	72
<b>O. TOTAL DISPOSITION DURING QTR</b>	511	863
<b>P. Live Animal Count at End of QTR (includes Fosters). (A+G - O)</b>	48	105

Second Quarter 2018 Statistical Analysis

**DOGS**

Live Release: Over 95%

**CATS**

Live Release: Over 92%

Comparison with Second Quarter 2017

**DOGS:**

	2 <sup>ND</sup> Quarter 2017	2 <sup>ND</sup> Quarter 2018
Adoption	23.4%	22.4%
Rescue	27.5%	28.2%
Euthanasia Other than Owner requested	8.3%	4.4%

**CATS:**

	2 <sup>ND</sup> Quarter 2017	2 <sup>ND</sup> Quarter 2018
Adoption	25%	22.6%
Rescue	24%	22.7%
Euthanasia other than Owner requested	12.3%	7.8%

The statistics were discussed. Owner requested euthanasia statistics were discussed from 2015 first quarter to 2018 second quarter, mentioning the extensive increase in 2018 for both dogs and cats.

***Election for Commission Chair***

Roy Plummer nominated Deborah Stone-Hess for re-election to the Commission Chair position. Larry Townsend seconded the motion. All agreed - none opposed. Deborah Stone-Hess will remain Commission Chair for another yearly term.

***Follow-up to Email Sent to County Administrative Officer and Management Analyst from Animal Services***

Questions and answers were printed and distributed to all Commission members present.

***County Administrative Officer and Management Analyst from Animal Services***

The County Administrative Officer and the Management Analyst of Animal Services declined to attend tonight's meeting.

**Announcement of Next Meeting Date and Location**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2018 at Drumcastle Government Center, 6401 York Road, Third floor, Main Conference Room at 6:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn  
Motion by: Roy Plummer  
Second by: Joy Freedman  
Motion approved.

Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.