

**Animal Control Advisory Board - Ordinances Subcommittee
Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1830.

2. ROLL CALL

John G Butterfield, Citizen Member
Drema Ballengee-Grunst, Animal Welfare Representative
Melinda Brown, Animal Welfare Representative
Susan Morris, Environmental Health Division

Public Attendee - Beverly Guy

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. County Animal Control Regulations & Ordinances

Ms. Guy shared her experience with an at-large animal coming to her property. She has reported to Animal Control. Wants to see ordinance put in place to strengthen the penalty for owners violating at-large animal ordinance.

Ms. Morris would like to see ordinance strengthened regarding animal bites.

Subcommittee members provided recent history of animal control ordinance for St. Mary's County.

The subcommittee members discussed the need to develop and refine legislation, ordinance, and operating policy & procedures for both animal control and the future shelter. Subcommittee members agreed to research existing ordinance in Charles, Calvert, Montgomery, and Anne Arundel counties for reference.

The subcommittee discussed the need to further develop ordinance relating to feral cats, dangerous dogs, and commercial breeding/kennel licensing.

The subcommittee discussed exploring the idea of an Animal Matters Hearing Board.

The subcommittee requested that a representative from Alley Cat Allies be invited to the next subcommittee meeting.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2000.

Submitted by Melinda Brown on Nov 15, 2019.