



Complaint Form

Mail to: ANIMAL MATTERS HEARING BOARD FOR CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Charles County Government Building
P.O. Box 2150 • La Plata, Maryland 20646

301-645-0517 or D.C. 301-870-2260

IN THE MATTER OF AN ANIMAL

DATE _____

COMPLAINANT(S) INFORMATION			OWNER(S) INFORMATION			
Name						
Address						
	City	State	Zip	City	State	Zip

Subdivision: _____

Nearest main highway/directions to property: _____

FACTUAL BASIS FOR COMPLAINT

I/We, the undersigned, request that a formal complaint be filed against the above-named owner(s) alleging that he/she violated the *Charles County Animal Regulations*, Section(s) _____, based upon the following facts:

To file a complaint with the Animal Matters Hearing Board for Charles County, please check the appropriate Section and Subsection(s) listed below that apply, complete the basis of complaint form on the other side of this page, then mail the entire section to the address at the top of the form. Information on the public hearing process is on page 5 of the booklet title: *Frequently Asked Questions About Charles County's Animal Regulations*. Do not forget to sign the form and include a telephone number where you can be contacted if further information is needed.

Check the appropriate Section and Subsection(s) that apply:

CHAPTER 230

SECTION 12.4 – PUBLIC NUISANCE		
When an owner or custodian allows an animal to:		
	12.4.A.(1)	be at large
	12.4.A.(2)	damage the property of anyone other than its owner
	12.4.A.(3)	molest pedestrians, neighbors or passersby
	12.4.A.(4)	intimidate pedestrians, neighbors or passersby. Intimidation should be defined as when a reasonable prudent person under same or similar circumstances would have been threatened by the actions of the animal in question
	12.4.A.(5)	chase vehicles
	12.4.A.(6)	bark or make other harsh or excessive noise so as to disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of members of the community as reflected by reasonable persons with normal sensitivities
	12.4.A.(7)	foul the air by odor and thereby create unreasonable annoyance or discomfort to neighbors or others in close proximity to the premises where the animal is kept or harbored
	12.4.A (8)	defecate on public property and/or urinate/defecate on private property
	12.4.A.(9)	continue or repeat that behavior for which the animal has previously been determined by the Board to be a public nuisance by virtue of being a menace to the public health, welfare, or safety

SECTION 12.5 – DANGEROUS AND/OR VICIOUS ANIMALS		
	12.5.A.(1)	any animal which wounds, bites or otherwise injures a human being without provocation on public or private property
	12.5.A.(2)	any animal which has injured or killed a domestic animal without provocation
	12.5.A.(3)	any animal which has a vicious nature, disposition and/or propensity which is known or should be known by its owner or custodian
	12.5.A.(5)	any animal owned or harbored primarily or in part for the purpose of animal fighting, or any animal trained for animal fighting
	12.5.A.(6)	any animal not owned by a governmental or law enforcement unit, used primarily to guard public or private property
	12.5.C	Potentially dangerous animal, any animal that by its actions, constitutes a physical threat to human beings, other domestic animals, or both

I understand that I MUST appear for hearing on this matter on the date and time set by the Animal Control Board. I further understand that I have the burden of substantiating each and every alleged violation.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM, UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, THAT THE MATTERS AND FACTS SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Day Telephone Number		Complainant's Signature	
Evening Telephone Number			