



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2026-24

National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, the National Animal Care and Control Association has designated the second week of April each year as National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week; and

WHEREAS, Animal Control Officers are dedicated to helping pets and people in the community every day; and

WHEREAS, various federal, state, and local government officials throughout the country take this time to recognize, thank and commend all Animal Control Officers for the dedicated services they provide to the citizens, public safety and public service agencies across the nation; and

WHEREAS, every day, Animal Control Officers put themselves in potentially dangerous situations by protecting people from dangerous animals and seek justice in cases of abused, neglected, and abandoned animals by conducting humane investigations and protect the welfare of helpless animals and pets from injury, disease, and starvation; and

WHEREAS, Animal Control Officers provide the essential functions of enforcing State Laws pertaining to animal care along with County Animal Regulations, and protecting the public from diseases such as rabies, and educating the public on the proper care of our community's pets; and

WHEREAS, Charles County recognizes the Animal Control Officers for the many dedicated and long hours of service they perform in providing the highest and most efficient level of customer service to the residents of our community, and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim April 12-18, 2026, as National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week in Charles County and encourage all citizens to join in expressing their sincere appreciation for the service and dedication of our animal control Officers.

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