

**ANIMAL MATTERS HEARING BOARD
FOR CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND
MINUTES OF MEETING - CASES
Tuesday, July 21, 2015**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Animal Control Board for Charles County, Maryland, was convened by the Chairman at 6:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, Charles County Government Building, with the following Board members in attendance.

Andrew Parker, Chairman
Mandy Foreman, Vice-Chair
Sean Brown
Kristin Lake
Carl Blumenstein
Lyn Cianflocco
Maria Padgett
Edward Tucker, Chief
Melody Haynes, Associate County Attorney
Maria Team, Clerk
Melody Weschler

A quorum was determined based upon the presence of a majority of the appointed Board Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Animal Matters Hearing Board for June 16, 2015, were approved and adopted.

Citation No. 6441 - issued to Agnes Savoy, 9595 Crain Highway, Bel Alton, Maryland 20611 for the alleged violation of Section 230.12, and Section 230.12.4.A.9 and Section 230.12.6.C of the Charles County Animal Regulations for her dog "Gizmo." Ms. Savoy was at the hearing and not represented by counsel. Testimony was heard from Agnes Savoy and Officer Jeff Gustafson. Ms. Savoy admitted to being in violation of all three allegations. Entered into evidence was copy of the Boards previous minutes marked County Ex. 1.

Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Board found Ms. Savoy in violation of the three allegations and fined her a total of \$140.00 due by August 18, 2015.

Citation No. 6412– issued to, Ortiz Washington, 2134 Boxwood Circle, Bryans Road, MD 20616 for the alleged violation of Section 230.6.B, and Section 230.10.C of the Charles County Animal Regulations. Mr. Washington was present at the hearing and not represented by counsel. Testimony was heard from Mr. Washington and Officer Jeff Thomas. Mr. Washington admitted to being in violation of both Sections of the Charles County Animal Regulations.

Based on the testimony heard, the Board found Mr. Washington in violation of Section 230.6.B and Section 230.10.C and fined him a total of \$250.00 due by August 4, 2015.

Citation Nos. 6445 and 6446 – issued to Robert E. Claggett, 12 Jennifer Drive, Indian Head, Maryland 20646 for the alleged violation of Section 230.10.A, Section 230.12, Section 230.9.A and Section 230.12.5 of the Charles County Animal Regulations for his dogs “Savannah” and “Salvia”. Mr. Claggett having failed to appear, and there being no request for a continuance, a judgment in the amount of \$1,250.00 per citation was entered and the cases referred to the State’s Attorney’s Office for failure to appear.

Citation No. 6477 – issued to Larry McKinney, 409 Patuxent Court, La Plata, MD 20646 for the alleged violation of Section 230.10.A, Section 230.9.A and Section 230.12.5 of the Charles County Animal Regulations for his dog “Coco.” Mr. McKinney was present at the hearing and waived his 14 day notice. Testimony was heard from Mr. McKinney, Officer Earle, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson (witnesses for County), and Donte Robinson (witness for owner). Entered into evidence was an invoice for reclaim and boarding fees from Tri-County Animal Shelter in the amount of \$200.00. Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Board found Mr. McKinney in violation of all the allegations and fined him a total of \$220.00, and Ordered him to comply with the requirements stated in Section 12.5.E 1, 2, 3, 5 (a) and (b), 6, and 8 of the Charles County Animal Regulations and obey all laws for 18 months. Mr. McKinney was also allowed to reclaim his dog the following day on the condition that he satisfies the reclaim and boarding fees of \$200.00. The Board gave Mr. McKinney until August 18, 2015 to satisfy the balance of \$220.00.

File No. 15-16 – Rita Fox vs. William Dempsey – The case was called and the complainant, Rita Fox having failed to appear and there being no request for a continuance, this case was dismissed without prejudice.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the hearing at 7:40 p.m.