

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 6 of the booklet. 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**

- 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 a reasonable prudent person under same and/or similar circumstances and whether that person would have been intimidated 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 to noise
- 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 allow to 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 has inflicted injury on 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
- 12.5.A.4 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.5 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 constitutes by its actions, 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.

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Day and Evening  
Telephone Numbers

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Complainant's Signature

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