

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 25 - County Commissioners

236A.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY MAY ADOPT AN ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE TO:

(1) CREATE AN ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY TO:

(I) ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE;

(II) MAINTAIN RECORDS REGARDING THE LICENSING, IMPOUNDMENT, AND DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS COMING INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY; AND

(III) ENTER INTO CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF ANIMALS;

(2) PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTERS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY;

(3) SPECIFY RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT MAY INCLUDE:

(I) THE LICENSING OF DOGS, KENNELS, AND PET SHOPS;

(II) THE CONTROL OF RABID ANIMALS; AND

(III) THE DISPOSITION OF UNCONTROLLED, VICIOUS, AND SICK ANIMALS; AND

(4) PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 21, 1985.
