

Article-27---Crimes-and-Punishments
Section-67B
Annotated-Code-of-Maryland
{1982-Replacement-Volume-and-1985-Supplement}

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

Article---Natural-Resources

SUBTITLE-7A.---DISPOSAL-OF-DOMESTIC-ANIMALS-DOGS-AND-CATS

10-7A-01.

{A}--ANIMAL--SHELTERS--AND--ANIMAL--CONTROL-FACILITIES--SHALL
DISPOSE-OF-UNCLAIMED, LIVING-ANIMALS-DOGS-AND-CATS--ONLY--BY--THE
FOLLOWING-MEANS:

- {1}--PLACEMENT-FOR-ADOPTION-IN-A-SUITABLE-HOME;
- {2}--RETENTION-BY-THE-SHELTER; OR
- {3}--HUMANE-DESTRUCTION.

{B}--AN--ANIMAL-CONTROL-AGENCY-MAY-NOT-PLACE-FOR-ADOPTION-OR
DESTROY-AN-IMPOUNDED-DOMESTICATED-ANIMAL-UNTIL:

{1}--THE-ANIMAL-HAS-BEEN--CAREFULLY--INSPECTED--FOR--A
TAG, TATTOO, OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION TO ASCERTAIN THE OWNER;

{2}--THE--OWNER--IS--NOTIFIED--IF-THE-OWNER'S-IDENTITY
REASONABLY-MAY-BE-ASCERTAINED-BY-THE-INSPECTION; AND

{3}--72-HOURS-AFTER--NOTICE--HAS--BEEN--GIVEN--TO--THE
OWNER.

{C}--AN--ANIMAL--CONTROL--AGENCY--MAY--NOT-SELL-AN-IMPOUNDED
DOMESTICATED-ANIMAL-DOG-OR-CAT.

{D}--THE-OWNER-SHALL-PAY-ALL-FEES-AND-EXPENSES--INCURRED--BY
THE--ANIMAL--CONTROL--AGENCY.---A--NEW--OWNER--MAY--BE-CHARGED-AN
ADoption-FEE.

{E}--IN-THIS-SECTION,--"ANIMAL--CONTROL--AGENCY"--MEANS--THE
LOCAL--ORGANIZATION--OR-GOVERNMENTAL-UNIT-OR-AGENCY-DESIGNATED-BY
THE-APPROPRIATE-LOCAL-GOVERNMENTAL-BODY-TO-HOUSE, CARE--FOR,--AND
CONTROL-DOMESTIC-ANIMALS-OF-UNKNOWN-OWNERSHIP.

10-7A-02.