

(1) TO DETERMINE IF DOGS ARE BEING TREATED INHUMANELY IN VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR OTHER LAW, AN AUTHORIZED DIRECTOR OF A HUMANE SOCIETY, ACCOMPANIED BY A SHERIFF OR A DEPUTY SHERIFF, MAY INSPECT A PREMISES:

(I) WHERE A PERSON IS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF BUYING, SELLING, TRADING, OR BREEDING DOGS; OR

(II) OF A KENNEL WHERE 25 OR MORE DOGS ARE KEPT.

(2) A PERSON WHO INSPECTS PREMISES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL GIVE PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE TIME AND DATE OF THE INSPECTION TO THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF THE PREMISES.

(C) LOCAL ENFORCEMENT.

(1) IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL ENFORCE THIS SECTION.

(2) IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, THE BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF ANIMAL CONTROL OR AN ORGANIZATION THAT THE BALTIMORE COUNTY GOVERNMENT APPROVES SHALL ENFORCE THIS SECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 67A.

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the former reference to "applicable law" is deleted as implicit in the reference to "other law".

Also in subsection (b)(1) of this section, the former reference to a "State-chartered" humane society is deleted as implicit in the definition of "humane society" in § 10-601 of this subtitle.

Also in subsection (b)(1) of this section, the former reference to "visit[ing]" is deleted as implicit in the reference to "inspect[ing]".

In subsection (c)(2) of this section, the reference to the Baltimore County "Department of Health, Division of Animal Control" is substituted for the former obsolete reference to the "Bureau of Animal Control" for accuracy.

Defined terms: "Humane society" § 10-601

"Person" § 1-101

10-617. DISPOSAL OF DOMESTIC ANIMAL.

(A) "ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT" MEANS THE LOCAL ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENTAL UNIT THAT THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL BODY DESIGNATES TO HOUSE, CARE FOR, AND CONTROL DOMESTIC ANIMALS OF UNKNOWN OWNERSHIP.

(B) IN GENERAL.