

Animal Care and Control Oversight Commission
Meeting Minutes October 22, 2013
6 p.m.

ACCOC MEMBERS PRESENT: Veronica Dougherty, Kerrienne Hanlin, Laura Hudson, Ricky Lewis, and Lyn Yelton (Chair)

COUNTY STAFF: County Executive Tari Moore and Administrator Al Wein
Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Commission meeting began with comment from Executive Moore. Executive Moore expressed her gratitude to the A.C.C.O.C. and A Buddy for Life for the efforts put forth in serving the animals and people of Cecil County. She asked for all involved to continue to work through any issues that may arise as a result of the recent changes in the county's animal control ordinance and contracts. Moore also explained that the deadline for the kennel applicants would be pushed back so the A.C.C.O.C. could finish their review of the kennel license applications and provided recommendations.

Secretary Rick Lewis read the minutes from the Sept 26, 2013 meeting and October 3, 2013 meeting for review. Comments were heard and some additions to the minutes were made. The minutes will be revised and provided to the Commission at the next ACCOC meeting.

The commission, along with Jen Callahan from ABFL, continued the review of the kennel license applications.

Kennel inspections:

Question: If hobby kennel owners do not have dog runs and keep the animals in a residence on the property, do certain kennel inspection questions apply? Example: Are the kennel floors made of an impervious surface?

Answer: Jen Callahan explained that the 209 ordinance does not provide specific questions for home housing by hobby kennel operators. In a scenario where a questions would not apply the officer doing the inspection would answer the question as "not applicable".

Exercise Programs:

Question: What constitutes adequate exercise?

Answer: The dog must be allowed at least two hours of exercise within a twenty four hour period. The exercise should take place outside of its regular enclosure.

Question: Does the veterinarian have to sign to confirm the animal is being exercised?

Answer: Yes the veterinarian must sign confirming the animal is exercised.

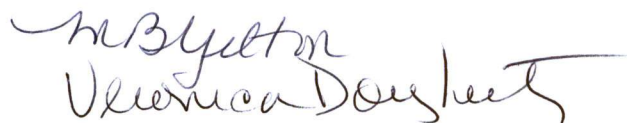
Pet Shop Application:

Question: Do pet shop applicants have to purchase individual dog licenses if they are applying for a pet shop license?

Answer: Yes they must still apply for individual dog licenses.

The Commission then concluded the 6pm to 7pm portion of the meeting.

Secretary: 


Veronica Dougherty