

Questions and Answers
November 5, 2014 Animal Care and Control Oversight Commission meeting

- Q1. Can a citizen obtain reports for incidents that occur in his/her neighborhood?
A1. Yes. Incident reports can be obtained from A Buddy for Life, Inc., the Cecil County Animal Care and Control Authority. A Buddy for Life, Inc. is located at 377 Hutton Road, Elkton, MD 21921.
- Q2. Where does A Buddy for Life, Inc. post photographs of stray animals?
A2. Photographs of stray animals are posted on the A Buddy for Life, Inc. website, www.abuddyforlife.org.
- Q3. Why does A Buddy for Life, Inc. have event coordinators?
A3. A Buddy for Life, Inc. is permitted to hold events that educate the community, including vaccination, care of animals, and adoption. It is within A Buddy for Life, Inc.'s discretion as to whether an event coordinator is necessary and whether such an individual will be paid or volunteer.
- Q4. Was a necropsy performed on the dog that perished during rescue from Shawn Soldon?
A4. A necropsy was not performed.
- Q5. How does County assure that Animal Care and Control Authority employees are not also working for A Buddy for Life, Inc.'s rescue operation?
A5. The County reviews A Buddy for Life, Inc.'s quarterly reports, which include information related to employee salaries. To-date, salaries are in line with expenditures that would be expected to operate the animal control operation.
- Q6. Does the County have a plan for regulating feral cats?
A6. The County Code does not currently regulate feral cats, and there is no plan to amend the Code to include feral cats at this time.
- Q7. Does A Buddy for Life, Inc. employ an animal behaviorist or other certified employee to assist it in determining when an animal is a "dangerous" animal?
A7. A Buddy for Life, Inc. works closely with a local veterinarian and legal counsel to assist in determining when an animal is a "dangerous" animal. A Buddy for Life, Inc. follows Chapter 142 of the Cecil County Code and pertinent State of Maryland law in making such a determination.
- Q8. When will bids be accepted for new Animal Care and Control contract?
A8. The current Animal Care and Control contract runs through December 31, 2015. The County has not fixed a date for publishing requests for proposal at this time. Notice of the RFP will be published in a local newspaper, on the County website, and on eMaryland marketplace at such time as the RFP is issued.