

The Baltimore County Animal Services Advisory Commission has just released its third annual report. We found evidence of the following:

- On July 1, 2018, BCAS made an unprecedented move to abandon most of its Animal Control duties. Baltimore County Police Officers must now respond to the majority of Animal Control-related calls. This has already put Police Officers and pets at risk. Numerous problems are continuing.
- For at least two years, BCAS forbade its Animal Control Officers from the critically important job of investigating cases of cruelty and neglect. This is just one animal that Animal Control Officers wanted to investigate but were forbidden to do so by management.



- BCAS employs dangerous protocols in its Trap Neuter Return (TNR) program, going against best practices recommended by Best Friends Animal Society.
- Victims must provide a signed notarized affidavit before BCAS will investigate an animal attack. No other county does this as it discourages reporting and delays investigation.
- Taxpayer funded salaries for top positions at BCAS are well beyond those in other counties and raise serious concerns.

The issues mentioned above are just some of those we uncovered as we wrote our report, which is available on request by emailing debstone01@comcast.net

The Commission requests a complete and independent investigation and audit of BCAS, protecting all who come forward.