



# ANIMAL MATTERS HEARING BOARD

Prince Frederick, Maryland

## MEETING NOTICE

The Animal Matters Hearing Board (AMHB) held its monthly meeting on *Wednesday, March 8, 2023*, at 6:30 p.m. via a Zoom virtual platform.

Members:	Laurel A. Matthews	Present	Thomas S. Phelps	Present
	Karen D. Maxey	Present	Helen A. Prince, Vice-Chair	Present
	Dr. Megan A. Noyes, Vice-Chair	Absent		

Clerk: Francie Rose, Executive Administrative Aide, Public Safety

Staff: April Coleman, Acting Deputy Director, Animal Services, Public Safety  
Pamela Lucas, Associate County Attorney, County Attorney's Office  
Jamie Hash, Volunteer & Rescue Coordinator, Moderator

## OPEN MINUTES

### General Business & Administrative Matters

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Quorum was determined.
3. A motion was made by Laurel M. Matthews, seconded by Thomas S. Phelps, to approve minutes from the open meeting on February 8, 2023. The minutes were approved unanimously by all in attendance.
4. A motion was made by Laurel M. Matthews, seconded by Thomas S. Phelps, to approve the open agenda. The open agenda was approved unanimously by all in attendance.

### Hearings:

1. Case No. 22-75596 – Deane/Milor – Ms. Casey Deane appealed her dogs, Ace and Midnight, being placed on the Dangerous Animal List as a result of an incident that occurred on December 28, 2022.
  - Present were Animal Control Officer Blair Buckler, Casey Deane, Appellant, and Stacy Milor, owner of the victim cat, Ella. All parties present were sworn in by the Associate County Attorney prior to providing testimony.
  - ACO Buckler submitted the case file for the record and read a brief summary of what occurred on December 28, 2022. Some Board members had questions of ACO Buckler, which were asked and answered. Ms. Deane spoke about the incident. Some Board members had questions of Ms. Deane, which were asked and answered.
  - Exhibits 1-2 were submitted by Ms. Deane prior to the meeting, for admission to the record. A motion was made by Karen D. Maxey, seconded by Laurel M. Matthews, to accept the exhibits into the record. The exhibits were approved for acceptance unanimously by all in attendance.
  - Ms. Milor gave her version of events. Some Board members had questions for Ms. Milor, which were asked and answered. Ms. Milor then advised that her husband was a witness to the attack. Robert Milor was sworn in by the Associate County Attorney prior to providing testimony. He then gave his version of the events.

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously by all in attendance, to enter into Executive Session to deliberate pursuant to the *General Provisions Article*, §3-305(b)(12) of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Board returned to open session and rendered its decision that the evidence presented, and testimony given supports Animal Control's finding that Ace and Midnight ARE Dangerous Animals, and that Ace and Midnight should remain on the Dangerous Animal List.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Ongoing Business/Other Items for discussion

None

PSA Announcements

None

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None

Recess, subject to Motion of Privilege for Closed Meeting:

- Motion made by Karen D. Maxey at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Thomas S. Phelps, all board members present in favor, none opposed, to enter closed session to discuss an investigative proceeding pursuant to *General Provisions Article*, §3-305(b)(12) of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The first closed session was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. and the AMHB returned to open session.

Adjournment

At 7:17 p.m., a motion was made by Laurel M. Matthews, seconded by Thomas S. Phelps, to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously by all in attendance.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Adopted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 – minutes transcribed by Francie Rose.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 09-13-2023

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