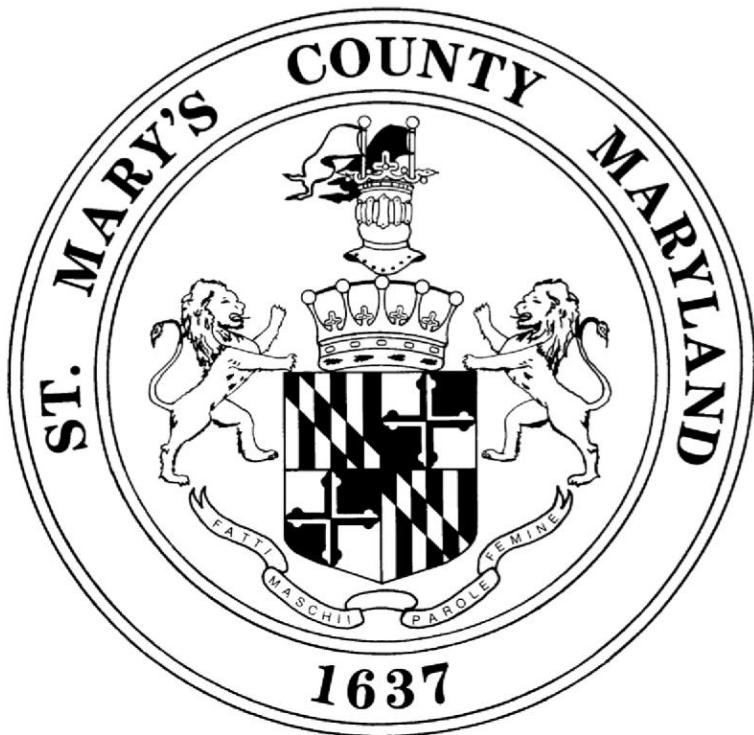


# St. Mary's County Animal Control Advisory Board



## 2025 Annual Report

## **ST. MARY'S COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD 2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

### ***Introduction***

The St. Mary's County Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) was adopted as a Board on January 8, 2019, effective January 22, 2019.

The Board shall advise the Commissioners of St. Mary's County (CSMC) on all matters relating to the development and management of the Animal Shelter and the St. Mary's County Animal Control Ordinance. The purpose of the Board is to assist in animal shelter site selection, building design, emergency plans, policies and procedures. The Board will review and discuss budgets and operational plans of the animal shelter and advise on animal shelter staffing as well as spay and neuter policies. The Board will assist in the development of a Strategic Plan for the Animal Shelter, serve as a liaison to the community to increase support and awareness of the Animal Shelter, and review and make recommendations on the Animal Control Ordinance.

The Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) shall consist of seven (7) members: six (6) citizen members, the Animal Shelter Division Manager from St. Mary's County Government (or another representative from the Department of Emergency Services designated by the Director, serving *ex officio*), and one representative from the St. Mary's County Health Department (serving *ex officio*). The Health Department representative shall be a voting member.

<b>Current Members</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Appointment Date</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
Steve Tuttle	Chair	07/01/2023	06/30/2026*
Cesar Afanador	Vice-Chair	07/01/2022	12/31/2025*
Dr. Rebecca Ironmonger	Secretary	01/01/2025	12/31/2027
Mackenzie Jones	Member	01/01/2025	12/31/2027
Doug Isleib	Member	07/01/2025	06/30/2026
Diane Harris	Member	07/01/2023	06/30/2026*
Susan Morris	Member (ex-officio)		
Hollis Lampe	Member (ex-officio)		

Asterisk \* indicates second term.

### ***Meetings***

The ACAB meets six (6) times a year, on the first Wednesday on odd months. St. Mary's County ACAB met five (5) times this year. The January meeting was cancelled due to a holiday. The major focus of the meetings during 2025 was staffing, County Animal Ordinances, and

volunteer opportunities for the **Animal Adoption and Resource Center {AARC}**. The board worked on finding a part time veterinarian. Meetings this year also provided presentations on various topics from staff including how to volunteer at the AARC, Animal Adoption, Trap Neuter and Release Ear Tipping Policy, and an introduction of the new Animal Shelter Division Manager, Hollis Lampe.

### ***Elections***

Election for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary positions were held in January 2025. Steve Tuttle was elected Chairperson, Cesar Afanador was elected Vice-Chair, and Dr. Rebecca Ironmonger was elected Secretary.

### ***ACAB Subcommittees***

Dr. Ironmonger and Mackenzie Jones conducted research to determine the estimated costs associated with setting up a surgical room for spay/neuter and other procedures.

### ***Conclusion***

The ACAB is dedicated to serving the citizens and domestic animals of our community by advising the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on Animal Shelter and Animal Control Ordinance matters. The ACAB will continue to serve by providing input to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on a variety of topics including program operations, policies and procedures, operating expenses and revenues, public education, and additional needs to best serve the citizens of St. Mary's County.

Questions or Comments about this report are welcome and may be sent to the Animal Control Advisory Board.