

Dorothy Ruck bio
Animal Matters Hearing Board

I have served one term as a Board member on the Howard County Animal Matters Board. In that time I have heard various types of cases ranging from relatively straightforward at-large complaints to deciding whether or not to declare an animal dangerous. In all cases that have come before the Board, I have taken into consideration all of the facts of each case presented to us.

I have been a volunteer at Howard County Animal Control for more than 10 years. I have also volunteered for various other animal rescue groups throughout that time. As a volunteer I have handled many dogs of various sizes and temperaments.

Also, I have worked as a part-time dog trainer since 2005 and I've taught in classroom situations as well as done private in-home visits with clients. This has given me the opportunity to work with many dogs and their owners/guardians. As part of my training to become a dog trainer, I was mentored for quite some time (years) by a local certified animal behaviorist/trainer.

I believe all of these experiences qualify me to serve another term on the Animal Matters Hearing Board.

Please accept this personal biography as an application for consideration to reappointment to the Animal Matters Hearing Board for a second term.

Thank you for your consideration.