

(p) (1) In addition to and not in substitution for any powers granted under this subtitle, the County Commissioners of Calvert County may by ordinance provide for the regulation, humane treatment, and keeping of domestic animals within Calvert County, including the authority to assess a penalty for a violation of a provision of an ordinance of imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 30 days or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both.

(2) (I) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALVERT COUNTY MAY CREATE AN ANIMAL MATTERS HEARING BOARD TO RESOLVE DISPUTES AND CONTROVERSIES ARISING UNDER THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(II) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY AUTHORIZE AN ANIMAL MATTERS HEARING BOARD TO:

1. ISSUE A SUBPOENA TO COMPEL PARTIES IN A DISPUTE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD;

2. ASSESS A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 FOR A VIOLATION OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND

3. COLLECT A CIVIL PENALTY IMPOSED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

(q) (1) The provisions of this subsection only apply to Calvert County.

(2) [The County Commissioners shall appoint a dog warden and may appoint deputy wardens. The dog warden and any deputies appointed shall serve at the discretion of the County Commissioners and shall be paid whatever salary and allowances for travel the Commissioners prescribe. Before entering upon the duties of the office, the dog warden and any deputy dog wardens appointed shall give bond to the State with good and sufficient surety, to be approved by the Commissioners, in whatever penalty the Commissioners determine and conditioned on the faithful performance of duties and proper accounting for all moneys and property received by virtue of the position. The bond shall be in the form of a "public employee's faithful performance blanket bond" for the dog warden and all deputies, if possible. The premiums shall be borne by Calvert County, and the bonds shall be filed with the State Comptroller.

(3) The County Commissioners may construct or lease, operate and maintain a dog pound for and in Calvert County. The cost of the pound and of its operation shall be borne by the county. In their discretion, the County Commissioners