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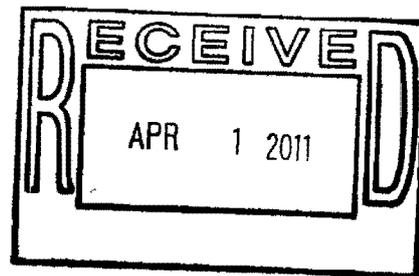
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Subject Request of Information



Dear FOIA Director/Officer:

I am writing to obtain more information regarding **Baltimore County (MD) Animal Control**. I have searched the APHIS website and have not found any reports. I have overheard many complaints stating that the BCAC has been euthanizing animals unethically (ie. Non-aggressive dogs are being killed within a day of arriving at the shelter, not even giving their owners a chance to rescue them.) They also are unwilling to have any volunteers assist with their daily operating tasks-yet complain they have no money to take care of the animals, so killing is their best option. The Baltimore County Animal Shelter has a yearly budget of about \$1.8 million^{III}; the Alleghany County (MD) Animal Shelter has a significantly smaller budget and a much lower kill rate than BCAC.

I am requesting the following information from the Baltimore Country Animal Control:

- How many animals were taken in by the shelter? (*Cats and Dogs*)
- How many animals were reclaimed by their owners? (*Cats and Dogs*)
- How many animals were transferred to rescue? (*Cats and Dogs*)
- How many animals were adopted? (*Cats and Dogs*)
- How many animals were euthanized per owner request? (*Cats and Dogs*)
- How many animals were put to death for any other reason? (*Cats and Dogs*)
- How many animals died or went missing in the shelter? (*Cats and Dogs*)

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The address of BCAC is: Baltimore County Animal Shelter
13800 Manor Road
Baldwin, MD 21013
410-887-5961

E-mail: animalcontrol@baltimorecountymd.gov

Please let me know if I am contacting the right person, and if not, where I should be requesting this information. I appreciate any information you can provide.

Thank you for your time.

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ⁱⁱⁱ Contacted the Baltimore Country office of Budget and Finance for this information.