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Animal Shelter Feasibility Study to be Conducted

Public input sought on direction of animal control in county

Leonardtown, MD - On March 1, St. Mary's County Government awarded a contract (SMC-17-EST-90074) to Rauhaus Feedenfeld & Associates, LLP to perform an Animal Shelter Feasibility Study. The Public is invited to participate in this study and provide input at a meeting on April 20, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room inside the Chesapeake Building. The address is 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown, Maryland.

Topics to be explored with each identified stakeholder group include:

- Do you see management of animal welfare in the community as a public function, private function or a combination of public and private?
- What are your areas of agreement with the current shelter's mission and operation?
- Are there areas of concern with the current shelter's mission and operation?
- What is your level of comfort with funding greater cost of operating a "Low Kill/No Kill" shelter vs. the current approach employing euthanasia?
- What is your level of comfort with current policies relative to "Bully Breeds"?
- What is your level of comfort with funding the cost of developing a Trap Neuter Release (TNR) program for feral cats?

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