

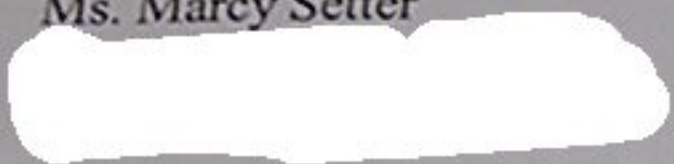


THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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THOMAS R. HENDERSHOT
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May 27, 2004

Ms. Marcy Setter


Dear Ms. Setter:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Dangerous Dog legislation.

While current law purports to ban so called "pit bulls" from Prince George's County, an analysis by a broad citizen task force concluded that it is extremely costly and ineffective. CB-29-2004 will impose penalties and strict requirements upon owners of any dog that engages in defined dangerous behavior, adopting the approach taken by most jurisdictions across the country and the one recommended by the Washington Metropolitan Area Council of Governments.

Research has demonstrated breed specific bans just don't work. CB-29-2004 will be less costly and more effective in controlling all dangerous dogs (including pit bulls), while at the same time preventing euthanasia for perfectly peaceful family pets. According to a recent independent survey, 59% of respondents suggested the County should "repeal the pit bull ban and go after any dangerous dog." That's exactly what CB-29-2004 does.

Again, thank you for your letter. I hope the foregoing responds. Please remain engaged as this matter proceeds through the legislative process, and please contact me in the future regarding issues of concerns.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Hendershot
Councilman, District 3

