



BALTIMORE ANIMAL RESCUE & CARE SHELTER, INC.

Date: May 7, 2009

President and Members of the City Council
City Hall
100 Holiday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: Council Bill 09-0322 – Leash Law – Environmental and Civil Citations

Dear President and Members of the City Council,

The Baltimore Animal And Rescue Care Shelter, Inc. ("BARCS") supports City Council Bill 09-0322. BARCS understands that the purpose of the bill is to reduce the leash law fine from \$1,000.00 to \$250.00. BARCS believes strongly in legislation which is designed to foster humane treatment of animals. However, BARCS believes that the current fine structure for an activity which is minor in comparison to other acts, which are inhumane, is not appropriate and that a reduction is warranted.

Jennifer Mead
Executive Director

