COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Katz
Co-Sponsors: Council President Berliner and Councilmembers Rice and Elrich

AN ACT to:
(1) allow a dog to be off leash if it is in an area that a municipality has identified as a dog exercise area;
(2) amend the definition of at-large animals; and
(3) generally amend the County's animal control law.

By amending
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 5, Animal Control
Section 5-101

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:
Sec. 1. Section 5-101 is amended as follows:


In this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

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At large: A dog, except a service animal, is at large if it is outside the owner’s premises and not leashed, unless it is in a dog exercise area designated by either the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, or a municipality, or is participating in a qualified activity. Any other animal is at large if it is outside the owner’s premises and is not leashed or immediately responsive to verbal or non-verbal direction. For purposes of this Chapter or any other animal control law, the common area of a homeowners’ association, condominium, or cooperative is not the owner’s premises.

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Approved:

Roger Bernier, President, County Council 7/26/17

Approved:

Sarah Leggett, County Executive 8/1/17

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council 8/2/17