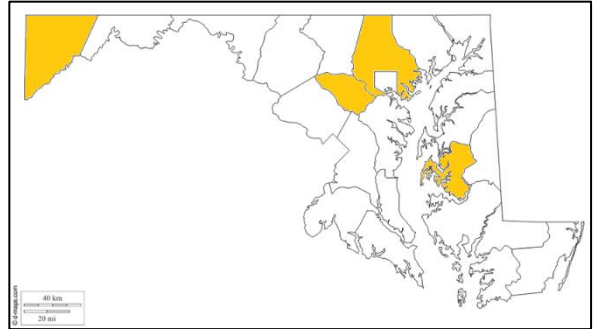


Cost of Animal Care: Case Studies of Financial Impact

Cost of animal care legislation is smart, reasonable legislation that puts the cost of caring for animals where it belongs - with the person who is responsible. These are just a few examples of the cases that occurred in 2019-2020 where taxpayers have had to foot the costs of caring for seized animals:

Howard County:

- Hoarding case; 60 animals including dogs, cats, birds, and exotic species
- Animals have been in custody for 2 years
- Estimated cost of care: **over \$500,000 and counting**



Talbot County:

- Neglect case; 1 dog seized that needed extensive vet care
- Held for 5 months before owner agreed to forfeit
- Estimated cost of care: over **\$1,800**

Baltimore County:

- Hoarding case; 154 animals seized including dogs, cats, and birds
- Animals held for just over a year
- Estimated cost of care: over **\$186,000**

Garrett County:

- Neglect case; 12 dogs seized
- Held for 2 months
- Estimated cost of care: **\$7,000**



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