

Dangerous Dog Hearing Board

The Board of County Commissioners is seeking applicants to fill five positions on the Dangerous Dog Hearing Board. The Dangerous Dog Board consists of five members from the following categories:

- (1) Two citizens who are licensed veterinarians.
- (2) One citizen who is an officer or director of the Highlands County Humane Society, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit.
- (3) Two citizens, at large.
- (4) Appointment of two additional alternate veterinarians in case of a conflict

Important: Please be advised that appointment to this Board is considered by the State of Florida as an "office". State law requires that officers of this Board file annual Financial Disclosure Statements with the State of Florida Commission on Ethics.

(As per County Code of Ordinances 4.5-28 Ord. No. 97-26 ss 1)) The dangerous dog hearing board shall conduct hearings pursuant to section 4.5-23 of the Code of Ordinances using the procedures established by Division 3 of Article VI of [Chapter 2](#) of the Code of Ordinances. Once a dog is classified as a dangerous dog by the dangerous dog hearing board, the animal control authority shall provide written notification to the owner by registered mail, certified hand delivery or service, and the owner may file a written request for a hearing in the county court to appeal the classification within ten business days after receipt of a written determination of dangerous dog classification and must confine the dog in a securely fenced or enclosed area pending a resolution of the appeal.

The deadline to return applications is September 18, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.