

## Schedule of Training

### **Day 1**

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Citations, Dangerous and Vicious Declarations; Community Cooperation - Education and Outreach

### **Day 2**

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Fitness and Nutrition/Stress Management; Firearms Training/Field Euthanasia

### **Day 3**

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tactical/Interpersonal Communication; Pepper Spray Certification

### **Day 4**

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Illegal Animal Fighting

### **Day 5**

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Animal Hoarding Investigations; Sovereign Citizens; Challenging Encounters in Animal Control

Each Day:

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Lunch — on your own

The ACTS Training Course costs just \$550 for the complete 5-day course (single day registration fees are listed on the next page). You may pay for this training program either with an Agency Check, Personal Check, Purchase Order or Credit Card. To obtain a registration form for this course, please visit [www.aco-acts.com](http://www.aco-acts.com). Questions? Contact ACTS at 913-515-0080 or via email at [info@aco-acts.com](mailto:info@aco-acts.com). Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation letter via e-mail.

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## Training Course for Animal Control Professionals

May 6-10, 2019

Washington, NC



## **Registration for all 5 days, \$550.00**

**Day 1** - Single Day Tuition: \$125.00

**Citations, Dangerous and Vicious Declarations** - Animal Control departments are responsible for the enforcement of city and county ordinances and state laws pertaining to animals, primarily domestic. These include licensing and vaccination requirements as well as stray animal, dangerous/vicious, and nuisance provisions. Enforcement and education continue to be most effective tools available to ACO's. This course covers department liability, investigations, discretionary decision-making factors, mitigating circumstances, constitutional due process requirements and hearings, as well as the determination and disposition of dangerous animals and vicious dogs.

**Community Cooperation - Education and Outreach** - Animal Control Officers are often tapped to address civic leagues, community groups and administration. This instruction offers tips, guidelines and information on developing and speaking for a variety of functions and organizations. Effective communication is key to improving and enhancing your agency's image and often can make a difference in support and funding. Students will work on creating and presenting to the group to get firsthand experience in dealing with diverse community agencies.

**Day 2** - Single Day Tuition: \$125.00

**Fitness and Nutrition/Stress Management** - Stress, physical inactivity and poor nutrition: add the three together and you have the leading causes of health problems facing America today! Unfortunately, these three concepts are all too common within the animal control profession. By the very nature of the job, ACO's typically endure heavy call loads, neglecting the proper amount of physical exercise, nutrition and stress relief they need to prevent personal injury or illness. ACTS offers the Fitness and Nutrition/Stress Management class to help ACO's reduce, prevent and cope with stress and its harmful effects. In addition, ACO's will be able to apply the proper methods for evaluating and managing their physical fitness for a healthy lifestyle in order to protect their personal health and ensure their ability to perform their ACO duties.

**Firearms Training/Field Euthanasia** - For many animal control departments field euthanasia of sick and injured wildlife is a requirement of the job. ACO's must be properly trained to dispatch animals in a safe and humane manner. This course focuses on the safe care and handling of firearms, use of proper ammunition, shot placement and safety considerations when dispatching animals in the field. This course is unique in that it is specifically designed for Animal Control Officers. (Note: This is a non-shooting course – classroom instruction only.)

**Day 3** - Single Day Tuition: \$125.00

**Tactical/Interpersonal Communication** - What is the goal of an Animal Control Officer during a contact? Answer: "generate voluntary compliance". The ability to communicate effectively is vital for the ACO. Professional presence and verbal skills are the first two elements presented when communicating with the public. The tactical communications

course is specifically designed for the work of an ACO when dealing with stressful and emotional situations. The training provides a structured dialogue that can be used toward conflict resolution, enforcement and education, diffusing hostile situations and achieving a positive outcome. The course focuses on a win-win dynamic resulting in professional service, positive public relations, reducing liability and enhancing officer safety.

**Pepper Spray Certification** - Pepper spray is one of the most widely used, non-lethal self-defense options available to protect Animal Control Officers around the world. When used properly, pepper spray, also referred to as O.C. spray (Oleoresin Capsicum) is extremely effective on both humans and animals to prevent being assaulted or attacked. Proper training is required to use pepper spray effectively. The ACTS Pepper Spray course is a certification course that provides instruction and training in the following areas: Introduction to Pepper Spray and LE Chemical Agents; The Use of Force/Compliance Options; Deployment Scenarios, Methods and Tactics; O.C. Effectiveness; Human and Animal Decontamination Procedures.

**Day 4** - Single Day Tuition: \$125.00

**Illegal Animal Fighting** - The illegal animal fighting workshop addresses both dog fighting and cockfighting activity. The course covers officer safety considerations, the history of animal fighting, applicable state and federal laws, search warrants and warrantless entries, investigation techniques, evidence collection and impoundment of animals, agency and task force coordination for successful case prosecution.

**Day 5** - Single Day Tuition: \$125.00

**Animal Hoarding Investigations** - A compulsive hoarder may often accumulate a large number of animals, failing to provide minimal standards of nutrition, sanitation and vet care, and fails to act on the deteriorating condition of the animals, the environment, or the negative impact on their own health and wellbeing. Such behaviors may be part of an overall mental health issue. Students will develop an understanding on how to document the scene for possible cruelty or neglect; evaluate possible intervention strategies including criminal, civil and regulatory and mental health; the need to prepare for a pre-hoarding event or large scale rescue sheltering plan; and how laws restricting the number of animals can be effective tools.

**Sovereign Citizens** - A frightening trend confronting law enforcement, including animal control, involves individuals claiming exemption from the laws of the land. Also known as "travelers" or "free citizens", these persons pose a serious threat to officer safety and unique challenges to enforcement action. Students will be exposed to the tactics, philosophy and actions of this movement including how to identify involved individuals.

**Challenging Encounters in Animal Control** - Animal Control Officers encounter a variety of animal "interested" groups and individuals. Dealing with these people can present obstacles to education, enforcement and achieving compliance. This class covers strategies for dealing with everything from activists to elected officials with stops for "hoarders", animal welfare groups and administrators. Students will be provided with ideas on how to safely and effectively interact with a variety of persons in the animal realm.