

Schedule of Training

Day 1

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Evidence Law and Collection
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Education and Outreach

Day 2

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Understanding the "Link" in Animal Abuse

Day 3

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Taser Certification

Day 4

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Challenging Encounters in Animal Control
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Alternative Enforcement Programs
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Sovereign Citizens
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Cooperative Working Environments

Each Day Lunch:
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
(on your own)

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The ACTS Training Course costs just \$500 for the complete 4-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. Questions? Contact ACTS at 913-515-0080 or via email at info@aco-acts.com. Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation letter via e-mail.

Class location: Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter, 9500 Sweet Valley Drive, Valley View, Ohio 44125. Need directions? Please call 216-525-4810.

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Training Program for Animal Control Professionals

March 12-15, 2018

Valley View, Ohio

Hosted by the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter

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Registration for all 4 days, \$500.00

Day 1 - Single Day Registration, \$125.00

Evidence Law and Collection - Animal Control Officers must know the criteria for lawfully obtaining, preserving and admitting evidence to ensure evidence is identified, collected and presented in a legal manner that will be accepted in court. This block of instruction focuses on identifying the lawful process and rules governing the admission and exclusion of evidence as it relates to Animal Control criminal trials. The course will cover in detail the definition and rules of evidence, admissible types of evidence, purpose and relevancy of evidence, constitutional rights and search and seizure considerations. ACO's will also learn the basic methods and equipment that are used in the field to collect and preserve Animal Control-related evidence.

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 Registration, \$125.00

Understanding the "Link" in Animal Abuse - This training provides background, knowledge and understanding relating to the interdisciplinary connection among animal abuse, child, elder and spousal abuse, and domestic violence. ACO's and Law Enforcement Officers will be better prepared to connect the signs of abuse common to each situation involving people and animals. The topics include, The LINK, animal abuse recognition, juveniles and animal abuse, mandatory reporting, intervention programs, and SAFE PETS sheltering. The course will help clarify and define the roles of ACO's and Law Enforcement within the scope of their employment.

Day 3 - Single Day Registration, \$165.00

Taser Certification - By the very nature of the job, ACO's are presented with safety considerations from the dangers associated with human and animal interaction. Each piece of protective equipment helps an officer serve the public and maintain safety.

The Taser™ is a dual purpose tool used to protect and save lives. It is highly effective in deterring and stopping an attacker. The Taser™ is becoming more useful and common within the Animal Control industry, offering a less-lethal use of force option, not only to prevent an animal attack, but also for the safe capture and restraint of vicious and dangerous dogs. ACTS recognizes that there is no such thing as a "one-size-fits-all-tool". The better trained and properly equipped an ACO can be will result in enhanced officer safety, improved public service, Injury prevention and reduced liability. Note: Student exposure to the Taser™ is not required.

Day 4 - Single Day Registration, \$125.00

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.

Diversion: Alternative Enforcement Programs - Integrating additional enforcement strategies can strengthen and improve Animal Control operations. This course offers students a variety of innovative ideas that provide revenue enhancement, improved license compliance and alternatives to traditional citations. These are not replacements for existing programs, but rather they are additions that generate positive results.

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.

Building a Cooperative Working Environment - Animal Control workers are expected to produce results, but performance can be hindered when team members do not work well together. A cooperative working environment is essential for an Animal Control agency's success. This block of instruction includes: Having a Common Purpose and Goal; Trusting in Each Other; Clarifying Work Roles; Communicating Openly and Effectively; Appreciating Diversity; Balancing the Staff's Focus.