

## Schedule of Training

### Day 1

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Challenging Encounters in Animal Control

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Alternative Enforcement Programs

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Pepper Spray Certification

### Day 2

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Baton/Bitestick Certification

### Day 3

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Officer Safety and Self Defense

### Day 4

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Taser Certification

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Citations, Dangerous and Vicious Declarations

Each Day Lunch:

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

(on your own)

**ACTS**  
Animal Control Training Services

The ACTS Training Course costs just \$525 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](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.

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 19-22, 2018

Valley View, Ohio

Hosted by the  
Cuyahoga County  
Animal Shelter

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## **Registration for all 4 days, \$525.00**

**Day 1** - Single Day Registration, \$125.00

**Challenging Encounters in Animal Control** - ACO's 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.

**Diversions: 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.

**Pepper Spray Certification** - Pepper spray is one of the most widely used, non-lethal self-defense options available to protect ACO's 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. Note: Student exposure to O.C. is not required.

**Day 2** - Single Day Registration, \$145.00

**Baton/Bitestick Certification** - For many departments the Bitestick/Baton is the highest use of force option available for an Animal Control Officer to protect themselves and the public against an attack from vicious and dangerous dogs. This training is unique in that it is specific to the daily work performed by ACO's. Our programs address the safety considerations from both the human and animal perspective. The ASP™ Basic Certification program is a hands-on seminar. The course will familiarize the ACO with the practical use of the friction-lock and lever-lock baton. The training and instruction will cover the following topics: Safety; Legal Concepts; Use of Force Options; Documentation; Portation; and the Practical Use/Retention of the ASP™ baton.

**Day 3** - Single Day Registration, \$125.00

**Officer Safety and Self-Defense** - Whether you work in an urban or rural setting, or both, Animal Control Officers are exposed to situations that can be potentially dangerous concerning officer safety. ACO's typically work alone and are assigned to varying shifts and stand-by. Requests for back-up from fellow officers or other law enforcement agencies can often be delayed or not immediately available, placing the ACO at greater risk. The course is designed to promote officer safety through danger recognition and prevention techniques. The classroom portion covers the areas of situational awareness, contact considerations, threat assessment, use of force options and legal concepts. The hands-on practical portion covers control and defense tactics, use of personal body weapons, position of interview and self-defense, footwork and physical body dynamics. Both sections provide real-life scenarios and field service application!

**Day 4** - 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.

**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.