

Schedule of Training

Day 1

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Basic Animal Control Officer Investigations; Illegal Animal Fighting

Day 2

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Investigative Techniques for Cruelty and Neglect Complaints; Animal Hoarding Investigations

Day 3

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Safe Handling of Aggressive and Dangerous Dogs; Safe Animal Handling/Capture and Restraint Equipment

Each Day Lunch:

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

(on your own)



The ACTS Training Course costs just \$375 for the complete 3-day course, or \$125 for any single day of attendance. 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, visit www.aco-acts.com.

Questions? Contact ACTS at 913-515-0080 or via e-mail at info@aco-acts.com. Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation letter via e-mail.

Class location: LaGrange Police Department Training Center, 376 Aerotron Parkway, LaGrange, Georgia 30240. Need directions? Call 706-298-3606.



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Training Course for Animal Control Professionals

June 19-21, 2019
LaGrange, Georgia

Hosted by
LaGrange Animal Services



Day 1

Basic Animal Control Officer Investigations - This course will detail the role of the Animal Control Officer in performing investigations and to identify the common types of investigations and variations between them. Participants will become familiar with scene assessment and the common tools and resources used in investigation procedures and case development. Complaint procedures, interview techniques and the types of forms and reports used for documentation will also be explained.

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 2

Investigative Techniques for Cruelty and Neglect Complaints - Students in this course will learn techniques to improve ability to investigate and prepare cases regarding cruelty and neglect situations encountered in the field. Students will learn how to determine a valid complaint, determining how situation fits elements of the law, how to identify a potential crime scene, how to secure it to avoid contamination, Tufts Animal Care and Condition (TACC)/Purina Assessment Scaling, identifying exigent circumstances, importance of narrative reports, veterinary examinations, scene documentation, and preparing case files and suggested possible charges for the prosecutor. Students will also learn how to differentiate between a situation that is correctable with education and when situations require enforcement action. Students will learn via lecture, classroom discussion and exercises.

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 well-being. 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

Day 2 (continued)

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.

Day 3

Safe Handling of Aggressive and Dangerous Dogs - Potentially dangerous and vicious dogs have become a serious and widespread threat to the safety and welfare of citizens within the United States and throughout the world. ACTS has developed a comprehensive course specifically for Animal Control Officers relating to the safe response, handling and capture of dangerous and vicious dogs. Participants will gain a working knowledge of dog breed history and aggression, stimulus response and critical distance, behavior drives and instincts, dog characteristics and body language, safety equipment and handling considerations.

Safe Animal Handling/Capture & Restraint Equipment - ACTS offers a 4-hour block of instruction that covers the skills and equipment that are necessary when dealing with domestic animals, wildlife, exotics and livestock. This course focuses on the animal species commonly handled by ACO's, injury prevention, dangers and risks, capture and restraint methods, equipment, safe loading and transportation.

**Special thanks to our host,
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