

Schedule of Training

Day 1

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

California Animal Control Regulations

Day 2

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Investigative Techniques for Cruelty/Neglect Complaints

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Basic ACO Investigations
Evidence Law and Collection
Courtroom Testimony
Report Writing

Day 4

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

Day 5

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Chemical Immobilization Certification

Each Day: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Lunch — on your own

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The ACTS Training Course costs just \$550 for the complete 5-day course; \$125 for Day 1, 2, 3 or 4; \$150 for Chemical Immobilization only. 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.

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Day 1

California Animal Control Regulations – This course offers an examination of codes and statutes that are commonly used by Animal Control Officers within the state of California. Information includes a review of restraint/leash requirements, animal waste, rabies area licensing and vaccinations, animal licenses, livestock-keeping restrictions, lawful fences, dogs and livestock, crimes against animals, neglect of animals, impoundment, permitting animals to go without care, willful abandonment of animals, dog tethering, animals kept in vehicles, limit laws, spay/neuter requirements, and many more.

Day 2

Investigative Techniques for Cruelty/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.

Day 3

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.

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.

Courtroom Testimony and Report Writing – When should court preparation start? What should be done on the day of court? This block of instruction will focus on courtroom preparation and testimony from the initial call until the court date, to include: When/Why you should seek out your prosecutor before court; Important things that should be done during your testimony; Recognizing defense tactics and how to avoid them; and courtroom professionalism and dress standards/appearance. This course also includes instruction on how to write fact-based, unbiased, clear, grammatical reports as a record of the event and a tool for prosecution.

Day 4

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 and to domestic animals as well. Many of these attacks by dogs have resulted in persons being seriously injured and in some cases causing human fatalities. When responding to in-progress calls or conducting follow up investigations of dangerous and vicious dog activity, proper training and education is paramount for the Animal Control Officer. ACTS has developed a course specifically for ACO's 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/critical distance, behavior drives/instincts, dog characteristics/body language, safety equipment/handling considerations.

Safe Animal Handling/Capture & Restraint Equipment – Every day is a different day for an ACO. One of the most unique aspects of the ACO position is that of working with the wide variety of animal species and situations. Safe animal capture and handling is extremely important in order to protect the safety of the officer, the public and the animal. This block of instruction covers the skills and equipment that are necessary when dealing with domestic animals, wildlife, exotics and livestock. This practical 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.

Day 5

Chemical Immobilization Certification – Chemical Immobilization offers an alternative to the use of lethal force in response to animals that represent a danger to the public. This 8-hour course will certify officers to chemically immobilize commonly-encountered animals, such as dogs, wildlife, exotics and agriculture animals. Humane techniques and methods, drugs and delivery devices, and deployment protocol (what qualifies an animal for chemical immobilization) will be discussed. This course includes both classroom and practical training.