

## Schedule of Training

### **Day 1**

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Officer Safety and Self-Defense

### **Day 2**

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Chemical Immobilization

### **Day 3**

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
Challenging Encounters in A/C  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Alternative Enforcement Programs  
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Education and Outreach

### **Day 4**

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Fitness/Nutrition/Stress Management  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Animal Exhibitor Inspections  
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Sovereign Citizens

### **Day 5**

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

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

Excluding breaks and lunches, a total of 7 hours of CE's will be earned for each day of attendance.

The ACTS Training Course costs just \$550 for the complete 5-day course or \$125 for any other single day 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, 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

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**Webster, Texas**

Continuing Education (CE)  
Training Approved by the  
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### **Day 1**

**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. 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 ACO Field Safety course is an 8-hour program 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 2**

**Chemical Immobilization** – 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 qualify 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.

### **Day 3**

**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.

**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.

**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 4**

**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.

**Performing Animal Exhibitor Inspections** – This training provides background, knowledge and understanding related to performing animal exhibitions such as circuses, rodeos, petting zoos and similar atypical animal operations. Topics include inspection criteria, atypical animal abuse recognition, USDA & Federal Animal Welfare Act regulations, dealing with operators & organizations. The course will help clarify and define the roles of ACO’s and Law Enforcement within the scope of their employment.

**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.

### **Day 5**

**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.

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If a participant wants to provide feedback on this course and/or its sponsor, the participant can mail comments to the Texas Department of State Health Services, Training Course Coordinator, Zoonosis Control, MC 1956, P.O. Box 149347, Austin, Texas, 78714-9347 or email them to: [The.Vet@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:The.Vet@dshs.state.tx.us).