

Training Course for Animal Control Professionals

Hosted by Lincoln Animal Control

February 26-27, 2026

Lincoln, Nebraska



February 26-27- \$100.00 for one day; \$175.00 for both days; \$675.00 for the whole week (includes Bite Stick certification on Feb 23, Animal Basic First Aid certification on Feb 24-25)

February 26

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Officer Safety and Protection – This course will offer an understanding of the principles of officer safety, to include: personal protective equipment recommendations; health risks associated with animal control work; challenges associated with driving animal control service delivery vehicles; vehicular traffic risks; injury prevention related to the loading/unloading of animals on the vehicle; evaluating risks while on private property; contact considerations with citizens/violators; understanding the Safety Zone, to include proper distance, proper stance, and having an escape route; developing a survival mindset; and evaluating behavioral indicators of assaults.

Courtroom Testimony and Report Writing: 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.

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.

February 27 -

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Stress Management and Compassion Fatigue: This course will discuss the impact of stress, to include offering methods on how to minimize or eliminate certain stressors commonly affecting animal control/care workers. The course offers stress “tests” to students for completion in class; defining industry-common stressors; an explanation of positive and negative stress; details on how the human body reacts to stress and the impact of long-term stressors; an explanation of the categories of stress; defining factors in how we handle stress as it relates to age, gender, and other factors; and understanding the suggestions/changes for handling stress as it relates to animal control/care workers.

Investigative Techniques for Animal Cruelty and Neglect Investigations: In this class we will strive to improve the ACOs ability to investigate and prepare cases regarding animal neglect, abuse and cruelty. Students will learn how to determine a valid complaint; review body condition scoring; identify exigent circumstances; understand the importance of narrative reports, veterinary exams, and scene documentation; case prep. We will also discuss education versus prosecution principles.

Class Location –

Lincoln Animal Control 3131 “O” Street, Lincoln, NE 68510 Need directions? Please contact Denise Bollwitt at 402-441-7900.

The Training Course for Animal Control Professionals registration fees are listed above. To register, please complete and submit the attached registration form or visit www.accacademy.net (click on the “course calendar” link). Questions? Contact ACCA at 937-825-6709 or via e-mail at mkumpf@accacademy.net. Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation letter via e-mail.

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