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John Mays Receives the MACA Award

By J.T. Taylor, ACCA

On Wednesday, October 25, retired Animal Control and Care Academy Executive Manager John Mays was presented with the Missouri Animal Control Association's (MACA) Paws for Applause Award. MACA presented the award during their Annual Training Conference, awards banquet, with Mays receiving one of the association's six annual awards. Mays was nominated for the award and subsequently presented the award by MACA Vice President Matt Allen, of the City of North Kansas City Animal Control.

Allen said it was his pleasure to have the opportunity to present this year's Paws for Applause Award to Mays.

"I first met John around 2008," Allen explained. "I was attending the NACA Level 1 and 2 certifications up by the KCI Airport early in my career."

Allen said the thick three-ring binder of NACA training material seemed overwhelming, but Mays and the other NACA instructors and classmates made the training easier. In the following years, he said he would attend, and his agency would eventually host many trainings and certification programs through John's Animal Control Training Services (ACTS) and Animal Control and Care Academy (ACCA).

"We don't have the time here tonight to properly pay tribute to the years John has given to promoting the profession of animal care and control," Allen said, "However, I would like to briefly touch on some of his contributions here tonight."

Allen continued, explaining that John Mays had started serving in the animal care and control profession as an Animal Control Officer for the City of Olathe, Kansas in 1983, where he served for 10 years. He was active in the Kansas Animal Control Association (KACA). From 1992 to 1994 he served as the Executive Director for the Southwest Kansas Humane Society in Liberal, Kansas. Then from 1994 to 2013, he served in roles as Executive Director and Interim Program Coordinator for the National Animal Control Association (NACA). After leaving NACA, Mays was one of the founders of ACTS, and from 2013 to 2023, he served as Instructor and Evaluator for ACTS, which transitioned into ACCA in 2019. Mays retired from ACCA in 2023, although he continues to provide support and guidance from time to time. After more than 35 years of teaching, it is believed that he had taught more animal care and control professionals than

any other single instructor.

In an article about Mays' retirement in the second quarter edition of the MACA News which came out earlier this year, MACA Secretary JT Taylor and former Vice President Kristi Osborn recounted how Mays had provided invaluable assistance to MACA over the years as well as having been a mentor to both of them and countless other animal control professionals.

As he goes into his retirement, John Mays will be missed by many.





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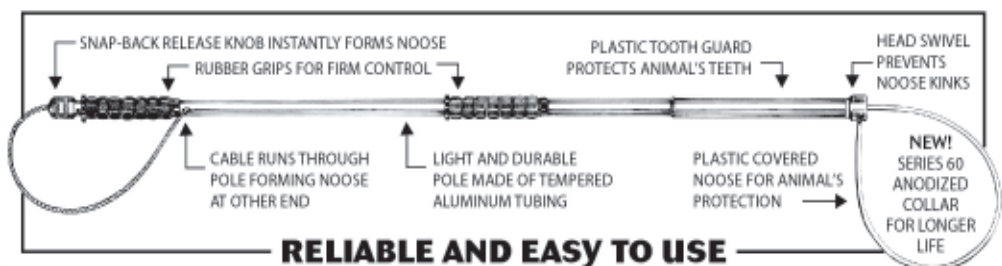
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Euthanasia Training

EBI in Animal Shelters

Illinois Federation of Humane Societies
(DBA Illinois Animal Welfare Federation)

Euthanasia means a humane and stress-free end of life for the animals in shelter care. The Illinois Federation of Humane Societies intends to provide those workers who must euthanize the proper training in a supportive and compassionate environment for the benefit of the animals. The Federation's workshop provides information and instruction on best practices in euthanasia as well as the technical knowledge necessary to perform the procedure humanely and safely.

The Illinois Federation of Humane Societies offers *EBI in Animal Shelters* training for animal shelter and animal control workers. In this 2-day workshop, students learn about anesthetics and sedatives, anatomy, safe and effective restraint, injection techniques, equipment, worker safety, legal requirements, and verification of death. A wet lab provides students with direct experience. Students receive a comprehensive manual, materials, and upon passing the workshop exam, a certificate verifying the successful completion of training.

The instructor is a Certified Euthanasia Technician in the State of Illinois with years of experience. This curriculum has been approved by the States of Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. It may also be used in Iowa, Indiana, and Kansas. **Registration is limited to those working in companion animal welfare and control.**

For information on scheduling an EBI in Animal Shelters workshop in your area, or the schedule of upcoming workshops, go to www.iawf.net or contact training@iawf.net. If you have questions, contact training@iawf.net.



ACCA Training Schedule

For a registration form, visit www.accacademy.net or call 937-825-6709

Basic Animal Control Officer Certification

Hosted by the Turlock Police Department

November 13-16, 2023 - Turlock, California

Schedule of Training: Laws and Enforcement Procedures; Interpersonal Communication; Officer Safety and Protection; Basic Animal Control Officer Investigations; Evidence Law and Collection; Courtroom Testimony and Report Writing; Canine Behavior and Aggressive Dogs; Safe Animal Handling/Capture and Restraint Equipment

Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol Training Certification

Hosted by the Miami County Animal Shelter

November 26, 2023 - Troy, Ohio

Advanced ACO Certification Course

Hosted by the City of Royston Marshal's Office

December 4-7, 2023 - Royston, Georgia

Schedule of Training: Animal Attack Investigation and Reporting; Animal Crime Scene Photography, Videography and Sketching; Animal Hoarding Investigations; Illegal Animal Fighting; Livestock and Exotics Cases; Obtaining and Executing Search Warrants; Officer Safety in the Field; Proactive Animal Control; Using Forensics in Animal Cruelty Investigations

Animal Control Instructor Certification

Hosted by the Midwest Animal Services Academy

December 19-21, 2023 - Kansas City, Missouri

Schedule of Training: Instructional Challenges and the Role of the Instructor; Legal Considerations; Psychology of Teaching and Learning; Instructional System Development; Presenting the Instruction; Training Aids; Test and Measurement; Practical Development; Practical Presentations; Final Exam

Advanced ACO Certification Course

Hosted by Monmouth Police Department

January 8-11, 2024 - Monmouth, Illinois

Schedule of Training: Animal Attack Investigation and Reporting; Animal Crime Scene Photography, Videography and Sketching; Animal Hoarding Investigations; Illegal Animal Fighting; Livestock and Exotics Cases; Obtaining and Executing Search Warrants; Officer Safety in the Field; Proactive Animal Control; Using Forensics in Animal Cruelty Investigations

Baton/Bitestick Certification

Hosted by the City of Royston Marshal's Office

January 22, 2024 - Royston, Georgia

ACCA Training Schedule

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Shelter Technician Certification

Hosted by the City of Royston Marshal's Office

January 23-25, 2024 - Royston, Georgia

Schedule of Training: Animal Care in a Sheltering Environment; Animal Disposition Options; Animal Identification: Breed and Description; Animal Shelter Design and Operations; Animal Shelter Record-Keeping; Canine and Feline Behaviors and Assessments; Disease Exposures in a Sheltering Environment; Emergency Animal Sheltering; Proactive Animal Sheltering

Basic Animal Control Officer Certification

Hosted by the Los Banos Police Department

February 5-8, 2024 - Los Banos, California

Schedule of Training: Laws and Enforcement Procedures; Interpersonal Communication; Officer Safety and Protection; Basic Animal Control Officer Investigations; Evidence Law and Collection; Courtroom Testimony and Report Writing; Canine Behavior and Aggressive Dogs; Safe Animal Handling/Capture and Restraint Equipment

Training Course for Animal Control Professionals

Hosted by the City of West Des Moines Neighborhood Services

February 12-15, 2024 - West Des Moines, Iowa

Schedule of Training: Canine Behavior and Aggressive Dogs; Safe Animal Handling/Capture and Restraint Equipment; Officer Safety and Protection; Courtroom Testimony and Report Writing; Animal Hoarding Investigations; Understanding the ADA and Service Animals; Illegal Animal Fighting; Utilizing Thermometry for Animal Control; Baton/Bitestick Certification

Shelter Technician Certification

Hosted by Monmouth Police Department

March 4-6, 2024 - Monmouth, Illinois

Schedule of Training: Animal Care in a Sheltering Environment; Animal Disposition Options; Animal Identification: Breed and Description; Animal Shelter Design and Operations; Animal Shelter Record-Keeping; Canine and Feline Behaviors and Assessments; Disease Exposures in a Sheltering Environment; Emergency Animal Sheltering; Proactive Animal Sheltering

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