

Professional Development Training Program
Hosted by the Queen Anne's County Animal Control
December 7-10, 2026
Queenstown, Maryland



Register for one, two, three days or all four days. \$175.00 per day for days 1,2, and 3; \$400 for certifications on day 4; or \$895.00 for all four days and the certifications.

December 7, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (with one hour lunch at noon each day)

Investigative Techniques for Neglect and Cruelty Cases; and Search Warrants: Students in these classes will learn techniques to improve their ability to investigate and prepare cases regarding cruelty and neglect situations. Students will learn how to determine a valid complaint; if the situation fits the elements of the law; review the Tufts Animal Care and Condition (TACC)/Purina Assessment Scaling; identify exigent circumstances; and more. Additionally, students will learn how to prepare, apply for, execute and close out search warrants.

December 8, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

DEFLEC2T; and Safe Animal Handling and Equipment Use: In these classes, developed to assist armed law enforcement officers (police, sheriffs & ACOs) in making critical decisions related to animal involved firearms utilization, students will learn animal behavior recognition, critical animal incident response, animal aggression de-escalation techniques, alternative equipment for dealing with aggressive animals, legal issues and justification for use of force, as well as post-incident recommendations for animal care, interacting with animal owners, report writing and public relations response. Additionally, students will learn animal handling equipment use and safe animal handling techniques.

December 9, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Performing Exhibit Inspections; Community Cooperation and Education; and Courtroom Testimony and Report Writing: In these classes, students will learn about background, knowledge and understanding related to performing animal exhibitions such as circuses, rodeos, petting zoos and similar atypical animal operations. They will also learn tips, guidelines and information on developing and speaking for a variety of functions and organizations; and will work on creating and presenting to the group to get firsthand experience in dealing with diverse community agencies. Additionally, students will learn professional report writing and how to best prepare for and testify in court.

December 10, 2026

Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol Certification and Bite Stick/Baton Certification: During these classes, students will learn to utilize the Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol (OC) as a defensive tool to provide an Animal Control Officer with non-lethal force for dealing with aggressive animals and humans. Additionally, students will learn the use of the tactical baton (bite stick) as a defensive tool to provide an Animal Control Officer with non-lethal force for dealing with aggressive animals and humans.

Class Location – Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute 601 Safety Dr, Centreville, Maryland 21617. Need directions? Please call Austin McKenzie at (443)988-2330.

The Training Course for Animal Control Professionals costs just \$895 for all four days (single-day 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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