

LICENSE & CERTIFICATION

Animal Control Officer



New Jersey State Certified Animal Control Officer

CEU 4.9

Enroll in this Certified Animal Control Officer (ACO) course, approved by the NJ Department of Health and receive instruction regarding animal control from eight of the foremost experts in NJ. If you are interested in animal welfare personally, or as part of your profession – current kennel manager, shelter worker, rescue group personnel or volunteer, as well as those seeking an exciting career in animal control, this course is for you. Topics include: The role and authority of an Animal Control Officer; the criminal justice system as it relates to animal control; animal behavior and breed recognition; equipment usage; shelter operations and NJ statutes; animal disease recognition and prevention; officer safety; and first aid for injured animals.

Successfully complete this course and meet the requirements of the N.J.A.C. 8:23A-2.2 statute for appointment as an ACO by a New Jersey Municipality. Also, this is the only Certified ACO course whose graduates receive certification for Incident Command Systems 100 & National Incident Management 700 by the National Wildlife Fire Coordinating Group, as well as Pet First Aid.

Successful completion of the course requires attendance at all classes and a passing grade of 70 percent or higher. In addition to the classroom component, you must arrange for, and complete a 20-hour field training in order to receive certification.

Prerequisites: None

Instructors: Provided by Career Development Institute

Tuition: \$176 + general fee \$703. Total \$879

COAC 001-05 Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., September 23-November 11 (no class September 30) (7 sessions)

PLEASE NOTE: No refunds are available for this course once the class has begun; however, if you miss a class, you may make it up the next time the course is offered. Contact CDI at 800.244.6921 for details.

Advanced Animal Control Officer

CEU 2.1

If you are an Animal Control Officer (ACO), Animal Cruelty Investigator (ACI) or an ACO or ACI supervisor, this course is for you. Receive the advanced skills necessary to fulfill your responsibilities to animals and the community. Presented by some of the foremost experts in Animal Control in the State, topics will include:

- Dealing with potentially dangerous dogs and dog bites
- Arrest search and seizure updates, including criminal and non-criminal warrants, consent and non-consent searches, wellness searches and handling animals locked in parked cars
- Professionalism in the field
- Proper handling of Rabies specimens
- Handling wildlife calls
- Local government structure and how to successfully interact with health officers, administrators, police chiefs and elected officials
- Educational tools for the community
- Revenue generation and public safety through enhanced licensing programs

Instructors: Provided by Career Development Institute

Tuition: \$58 + general fee \$231. Total \$289

COAC 005-01 Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., October 25, November 1, 8

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