

"Animal Cops, not just a job, but a career"



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Texas Academy of Animal Control Officers

After Graduation **In-Service Courses Offered**

(Continuing Education Hours for those already working in the Animal Care & Control Field)

- Basic Animal Care Technician (BACT) 36 hours
- ACO Supervisor Certification Course (ACS) 8 CE hours
- Administrative ACO Course (ADM) 12 CE hours
- Advanced ACO Certification Course (AACO) 14 CE hours
- Advanced Animal Cruelty Investigations Course (AACI) 16 CE hours
- Certified Euthanasia Technician Course (CET) 12 CE hours
- Chemical Capture & Restraint Class (CCR) 8 CE hours
- Dangerous-Vicious Dog & Bite Investigation (DVD) 4 CE hours
- Equine Familiarization Course (EQF) 8 CE hours
- Herpetology Familiarization & Handling (HFH) 4 CE hour
- Officer Safety & Survival/Bite Stick & Pepper Spray Cert. (OSS/BSPPS) 8 CE hours
- Parasitology Course 4 CE hours
- Basic Shelter Tech Course (BST) 8 CE hours
- Shelter Management Course (SMT) 8 CE hours
- Zoonotic Diseases Course 1 (ZD1) 16 CE hours
- Mental Health Training for ACOs (MHT) 8 CE hours
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The Texas Academy of Animal Control Officers (TAACO) is now embarking on its eighth year of providing complete PROFESSIONAL ANIMAL CARE and CONTROL TRAINING. The TFA course is a part of the Blinn College Workforce Education Program. The TAACO facility and the TFA course are an approved training provider for the U.S. Veteran's Administration. All TAACO courses are also approved by the State of Texas (DSHS) and/or the Texas Animal Control Association.

The TAACO TFA course is our flagship course. The TFA offers a *prestigious diploma, two state certifications and 16 certificates of completion* in pertinent areas of the animal care and control field. The TFA is 130 hours (4 weeks, Mon-Thr) in length. The TFA affords the most in-depth training offered anywhere. Therefore, we welcome and have hosted students from all over the United States. Since opening in July 2005, we have had approximately 300 TFA and over 3,500 In-Service students attend TAACO courses.

Upon completion, the TFA graduate has four avenues to gainful immediate employment. Those are either as an **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, ANIMAL CARE TECHNICIAN, ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATOR** and/or **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**.

TAACO has a 90% hire rate of its TFA graduates that continue on and take/pass the state exam. The jobs are waiting for you. Potential employers love the idea of having an applicant that is fully trained and ready to go to work. The TFA cuts your/their field training by at least 60%. This saves the employer time and money. We are now registering for our next TFA course.

The TFA curriculum contains, but is not limited to, the following subjects:

<i>Texas ACO Basic Certification*</i>	<i>Certified Euthanasia Technician *</i>
<i>Animal Cruelty Investigations</i>	<i>Animal Care Technician (Vet Asst)</i>
<i>Lrg & Sml Animal Health & Nutrition</i>	<i>Large & Small Animal Anatomy</i>
<i>Animal Disease Recognition (Zoonosis)</i>	<i>Medical Terminology</i>
<i>Parasitology & Testing</i>	<i>Animal Shelter Hygiene & Management</i>
<i>Rabies Control & Prevention</i>	<i>Wildlife, Reptile & Fowl Identification</i>
<i>Prevention of Disease and Contamination</i>	<i>Animal Quarantine Requirements</i>
<i>Animals in Disaster / Animal First Aid</i>	<i>Police Radio & Emergency Procedures</i>
<i>Introduction to Environmental Crimes</i>	<i>Offense/Incident Report Writing</i>
<i>Familiarization with Citation Writing</i>	<i>Familiarization with Seizure of Animals</i>
<i>Arrest and Magistration Procedures</i>	<i>Courtroom Demeanor & Procedures</i>
<i>Animal Laws, Rules & Regulations</i>	<i>Animal CPR / First Aid</i>
<i>VAC course overview</i>	<i>Officer Safety and Survival</i>
<i>Public Relations & Perception</i>	<i>Officer Professionalism & Ethics</i>
<i>Spay / Neuter Demonstration</i>	<i>Dangerous – Vicious Dog Handling</i>
<i>Interview Preparedness</i>	<i>Interview and Employment Assistance</i>
<i>FEMA- MIMS 100-800 Response Training</i>	<i>Dangerous Animal Recognition</i>

The total tuition for the complete TFA course is \$4,950. This includes lodging, all books, manuals and uniform shirts. **To register, fill out a registration application and submit it and at least the \$500 deposit. This will lock you into the next TFA class.** TFA courses are generally offered in **February, April, July and October** of each year.

Tuition discounts are available for those who qualify (Call for info)!

The TFA course is available with or without lodging & accommodations are Sunday through Wednesday night (at double occupancy).

Contact us TODAY to start your exciting and rewarding career in ACC field!