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## UPCOMING APPROVED ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS DURING 2024

Virginia Code § 3.2-6556 requires every animal control officer to complete 15 hours of additional training in animal control and protection every three years, and requires all training courses to be approved by the State Veterinarian. The State Veterinarian's criteria used to approve training require training providers or participants to submit a request form for course approval. For assistance in requesting approval for an upcoming training event, contact [animalcare@vdacs.virginia.gov](mailto:animalcare@vdacs.virginia.gov)

Course Name	Provider	Location	Date	Training Hours	Cost
IS11.a Animals In Disasters: Community in Planning	FEMA	Online	On Going Through 2024	4	\$0
IS111.a Livestock in Disasters	FEMA	Online	On Going Through 2024	4	\$0
IS10.a Animals in Disasters: Awareness & Preparedness	FEMA	Online	On Going Through 2024	4	\$0
Speaking Dog! Canine Communication (3 part webinar)	ASPCA Pro	Online	On Going Through 2024	3	\$0
Courtroom Animal Advocate Programs: Approaching Animals as Quasi-Party Crime Victims	Justice Clearing House	Online	On Going Through 2024	1	Free with JCH Membership
Pocket Pets and Beyond/Investigation and Persecution of Pet Stores	Justice Clearing House	Online	On Going Through 2024	1	Free with JCH Membership
Dog Bites and Attacks: Cases and Trends	Justice Clearing House	Online	On Going Through 2024	1	Free with JCH Membership
Fear Free Shelter Program	Fear Free Shelter	Online	On Going Through 2024	5	\$0
Basic Criminal Investigation School	Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service	Online	On Going Through 2024	40	\$97

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Investigative Interviewing & Advanced Interrogation Techniques	Reid School	Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy	8/20/2024-8/23/2024	24	\$630
Chemical Immobilization of Animals	Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy	3630 Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg, VA 2024	7/9/2024-7/10/2024 7/11/2024 <i>(Qualification Day – ACO Only)</i>	16 3 <i>(Qualification Day)</i>	\$695-895
Pet First Aid & CPR	Louisa CART (540-872-8335)	Louisa County P & R, 538 Industrial Dr., Louisa VA	3/6/2024 & 3/8/2024, 7/13/2024, 11/16/2024, 5/18/2024, 9/18/2024 & 9/20/2024	8	\$41
Livestock Trailer Accidents	Code 3 Associates	Online	8/10/2024	2	\$25
Animal Cruelty and Fighting Investigations	HSUS	Prince William County Criminal Justice Academy	<del>4/19/2024</del> TBD	8	\$0
2024 Animal Control Officer In-Service	Chesterfield County Animal Services	Eans-Pittman Public Safety Training Center, 6610 Public Safety Way, Chesterfield, VA 23832	6/5/2024 & 6/12/2024	16	\$0
VAAS Regional Workshops	VAAS	Loudoun, Harrisonburg, Newport News, Danville, Wytheville, Henrico	4/9/2024, 4/15/2024, 4/19/2024, 4/29/2024, 4/30/2024, 5/13/2024	8	\$0
Hope's Legacy Equine Rescue	Hope's Legacy Equine Rescue	Castle Rock Farm, 2080 Castle Rock Road, Afton, VA 22920	4/17/2024 & 5/17/2024 & 10/16/2024	3	\$0
Veterinary Forensics and Animal Investigations	HSUS	Prince William County Criminal Justice Academy	6/20/2024	8	\$0

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