



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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UPCOMING APPROVED ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES OPEN TO VIRGINIA ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

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

Course Name	Provider	Location	Date	Training Hours	Cost
Yes, in My Back (And Front!) Yard: Normalizing and Legalizing Wildlife Gardens	Justice Clearinghouse	Online	5/15/2025	1.25	\$0
Essential Animal Services Training (East) Academy Module B	Code 3 Associates	Online	6/2/2025-6/6/2025	40	\$550
Humane Animal Euthanasia Training Class	VDACS	Loudon County Animal Services Leesburg	6/10/2025	8	\$0
Safe Capture Chemical Immobilization of Wild and Domestic Animals	San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance Academy	Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy	6/10/2025-6/11/2025 & 6/12/2025 (Qualifying Day)	16	Varies
A Dog Named "It": Courtroom Advocacy and Language	Justice Clearinghouse	Online	6/12/2025	1	\$0
Virginia Venomous Snake Safety Training	K2C Wildlife Encounters LLC	Loudoun County Animal Shelter	6/16/2025	7	\$95
Pet Protection Orders: A Powerful Tool to Respond to Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence	Justice Clearinghouse	Online	6/24/2025	1	\$0
Humane Animal Euthanasia Training Class	VDACS	Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy Disputanta	7/8/2025	8	\$0

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Forensic Pathology for First Responders and Investigators	Good Shepherd Training Solutions, LLC (GSTS)	Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy	7/25/2025	8	\$200
Ask Me Anything: Humane Wildlife Handling and Capture	Justice Clearinghouse	Online	8/5/2025	1.25	\$0
Humane Animal Euthanasia Training Class	VDACS	Wytheville Regional Animal Health Laboratory	8/12/2025	8	\$0
Equine Education and Safe Handling	Hope's Legacy Equine Rescue	2080 Castle Rock Road Afton, VA 22920	9/9/2025	3	\$0
Humane Animal Euthanasia Training Class	VDACS	Eanes-Pittman Public Safety Training Center Chesterfield	9/26/2025	8	\$0
Top 10 Tips for Taking Wildlife Calls – Part II	Justice Clearinghouse	Online	10/16/2025	1.25	\$0
Humane Animal Euthanasia Training Class	VDACS	Lynchburg Regional Animal Health Laboratory	10/21/2025	8	\$0
Humane Animal Euthanasia Training Class	VDACS	VA Beach Law Enforcement Training Academy (LETA)	11/12/2025	8	\$0
Animal Cruelty Investigations and the 4th Amendment	Justice Clearinghouse	Online	Ongoing Through 2025	1	\$0
Embracing Proactive and Progressive Practices: Balancing the Letter and Spirit of the Law in Animal Control	Justice Clearinghouse	Online	Ongoing Through 2025	1	\$0
ACO I	National Animal Control Association	Online	Ongoing Through 2025	25	\$500
ACO II	National Animal Control Association	Online	Ongoing Through 2025	25	\$500