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33rd VACA Conference

Law and Order

Nearly 75% of an Animal Control Officer's daily contact are with people. Gone are the days of the old fashioned dog catcher. To-day's Animal Control Officer investigates criminal cases on an almost daily basis—cruelty, neglect, animal fighting and more. So, join us the for the VACA 2011 Law and Order Conference It's "Virginia Beach Five-O" October 19-21, 2011

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Location

Virginia Beach Quality Inn & Suites
 705 Atlantic Ave.
 Virginia Beach, VA, US 23451

Accommodations

Room rates are \$65.00 not including taxes.
Be sure to mention the Virginia Animal Control Association Training Conference.

Phone: (757) 428-8935

Fax: (757) 425-2769

Registration and Fee

Registration fee for the conference is \$150 per person. This includes all course materials, Banquet ticket for Wednesday, plus lunch on Thursday. Extra Banquet tickets (for guests) are \$20 each.

Early registration is recommended.

Complete the registration form and mail it or fax it to VACA c/o:

VACA 2011 Conference

Trish Dahl, Secretary/Treasurer

362 Jefferson St.

Orange, VA 22960

Fax: (540) 661-0267

2011 VACA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Fees _____ \$150 _____ Additional Banquet tickets @ \$20 ea. _____ Total enclosed Please Check one: _____ Payment Enclosed. _____ Payment will be made at Conference sign in. Credit card number _____ expire date _____ Name as it appears on card _____

Official Registration Form 33rd Annual Virginia Animal Control Association Conference
 October 19, 20, 21, 2011

NAME: Last, First, M.I.
Professional/Business Title: SS# (Required for course credit:)
Name of Animal Control Agency
Business Address:
City/State/Zip
Home Phone:
Business Phone:
Email:

VACA 2011 Conference Agenda

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18	Golf Tournament...Stumpy Lake: 1 PM to 5 PM	Ice Breaker and Early Sign-In (Washington Room): 7:30 PM to 9 PM	
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19			
CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	TIME	TOTAL HOURS
Registration	---	8:00 - 8:30	---
Welcome and VACA Board Nominations	President Michael Quesenberry	8:30 - 9:00	---
Legislative Update	Kathy Strouse - VACA	9:00 - 10:00	1
Dangerous/Vicious Dog Investigation & Registry	Rob Leinberger - VACA	10:15 - 12:00	1.75
<i>Lunch on your own....12 PM - 1:15 PM</i>			
VACA Board Meeting	---	1:15 - 2:15	---
New Agricultural Animal Code	Dan Kovich, DVM	2:15 - 3:15	1
State Reporting Requirements and Inspections	Sherry Helsel, VDACS	3:30 - 4:30	1
VACA Roundtable	Michael Quesenberry & Guests	4:30 - 5:30	1
		<i>Wednesday Total Hours</i>	5.75
AWARDS BANQUET			
Cash Bar....6:00 PM		Dinner....7:00 PM	
Key Speaker....Secretary of Public Safety.....8:00 PM		Awards....Michael Quesenberry....8:30 PM	
<i>Entertainment9 PM to Midnight</i>			
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20			
Compassion Fatigue	Charlotte Robinson, DVM	8:30 - 10:30	2
Modern Technology & Tactics For the ACO	Kim Miller & Rob Leinberger - VACA	10:45 - 12:00	1.25
<i>Lunch with vendors....12 PM -1 PM</i>			
Animal Cruelty & Family Violence: Understanding the Link	Sherry Ramsey - HSUS	1:00 - 3:00	2
Investigation of Animal Cases	Sherry Ramsey - HSUS	3:00 - 5:00	2
<i>Dinner on your own....5 PM to 6 PM</i>		<i>Silent Auction•Social•Animal Olympics•DJ....6 PM to Midnight</i>	
		<i>Thursday Total Hours</i>	7.25
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21			
Equine Emergency Preparedness	Shea Porr, PhD	8:00 - 9:50	2
Zoonosis	Charlotte Robinson, DVM	10:00 - 12:00	2
		<i>Friday Total Hours</i>	4
Have a Safe Trip Home		CONFERENCE TOTAL	17

Agenda subject to change as necessary

Virginia Animal Control Association Scholarship Application

VACA is pleased to announce six scholarships for the upcoming conference in Virginia Beach October 19-21, 2011. This year we are especially pleased to offer these scholarship opportunities. These are available to VACA members (must be an ACTIVE - Individual member) only and offer the following benefits. For additional information contact michael.quesenberry@roanokeva.gov. These scholarships are:

- #1 Includes registration & 3 days lodging - (\$360 value)
- #2 Includes registration & 3 days lodging - (\$360 value)
- #3 Includes registration - offered by VACA (\$150 value)
- #4 Includes registration - offered by VACA (\$150 value)
- #5 Includes registration - Past president scholarship (\$150 value)
- #6 Includes registration & 3 days lodging- offered by VAFTF (\$360 value)

Scholarships are intended for Active VACA members from financially challenged jurisdictions at the request of local jurisdictional governments or animal welfare leadership.

Applicants MAY apply for all scholarships. If you have been awarded a scholarship in the past year you are ineligible for this year. All applicants must be Active members in good standing. Applications must be received on or before September 15, 2011 to qualify. Applications must be signed and filled out completely to qualify. Mail or fax Scholarship form to: Virginia Animal Control Association C/O Michael Quesenberry P. O. Box 20462 Roanoke, Virginia 24018 email michael.quesenberry@roanokeva.us 540-853-1159 fax 540-344-4907

Name: Title: Agency

Address: City/State; Zip:

Telephone: Email: Years of Service:

Supervisors Name: Telephone Number: Approval to Attend
Yes/No

Is your agency providing any funding? Last Training event attended: Date:

Yes/No

Explain how you & your agency would benefit from your attendance. If you are applying for either of the VACA financial hardship scholarships, you must attach a letter of justification explaining the hardship. Include your name on any additional sheets.

By signing below, the applicant affirms that he/she is an active member, and gives permission for VACA to contact the jurisdiction / supervisor for verification.

Print name: Signature: Date:

To be completed by VACA

Tuition: Hotel: Approved/Denied:

Date received: Date notified: Via:

VACA Awards 2011

It's that time of year again to recognize the tremendous work performed by the many outstanding animal control professionals in Virginia. The VACA Board of Directors has established several annual award categories to honor the work of Animal Control Officers from across the state. Please review the following categories and consider nominating a deserving individual that you know. Just fill out the nomination form and send it to:

Virginia Animal Control Association C/O Michael Quesenberry, P. O. Box 20462 Roanoke, Virginia 24018 email michael.quesenberry@roanokeva.us 540-853-1159 Fax 540-344-0907

The Dr. Kent Roberts Award Animal Control Officer of the Year
This award is presented to an officer who has demonstrated overall excellence in the performance of his or her job. It is named in honor of Dr. Kent Roberts who has given so much help to VACA as it has grown and developed over the years.

Public Service Award
Presented to an officer who has made a significant contribution to improving the image of the animal control profession in his or her community. For example, someone who has developed a positive relationship with the media or developed or participated in public education programs.



Valor Award
Given to an officer who has demonstrated exceptional performance and bravery in the line of duty during a difficult or dangerous assignment, in the field of animal control.

President's Award
This is an optional award that may be given to a citizen who has assisted animal control on a local level.



Nomination Guidelines

Nominations may come from fellow ACOs, a supervisor, government official or a citizen. Please use the form provided on the next page to nominate someone you know who has done an outstanding job. Nominations must include the name and title of the nominee and his or her employer. The person making the nomination must also include his or her name, address and telephone number. You should clearly state the reason why the person is being nominated. Tell us why you think this person should receive an award. Be sure to include supporting documentation, if available, such as news clips, commendations and so forth. Awards will be presented at the VACA Conference in October.

THE NOMINEE

Name:

Address:

Title:

Employer:

Supervisor:

Supervisor's phone number:

YOU

Name:

Address:

Work Phone:

Tell us why this person should receive an award. Include any supporting information you may have (news, clips, commendations, etc.) You may duplicate this form to make nominations for more than one position and attach additional pages.



- ACO Of the Year Award
- Public Service Award
- Presidents Award
- Valor Award

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO:

Michael Quesenberry, Virginia Animal Control Association, P. O. Box 20462
Roanoke, Virginia 24018 email michael.quesenberry@roanokeva.us 540-853-
1159 fax 540-344-4907



VACA Golf Tournament

Date: 10/18/11 Time: 11:30 A.M.
Stumpy Lake Golf Course
4797 Indian River Road
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456

The cost is \$ 50.00 per person please send your name or sign up a team of four to bcanimalcontrol@tds.net or call 540-839-7210 and talk to Robbie Chestnut. Everyone must be signed up no later than Sept 30 2011. We will have a luncheon before play at 11:30 am and begin play once were done with that. Come out and support VACA's memorial fund and have a great afternoon of fun and laughs. All Proceeds go to the ACO Memorial Fund Please send names of players (individuals and team names) to bcanimalcontrol@tds.net It's not too early to sign up.

Board Vacancies:

VACA is looking for hard working professional members who possess impeccable integrity, the ability to lead by example, and to inspire trust. Candidates must have a current VACA membership and have no previous history that compromise the legal, financial, and public image of the organization. Candidates must provide at least two references from their local jurisdiction and written permission to serve on the Board from their immediate supervisor or commander. Each candidate must be prepared to abide by the VACA code of conduct. Candidates must also be prepared for and able to travel in order to attend a minimum of four quarterly board meetings including the annual training conference each year.

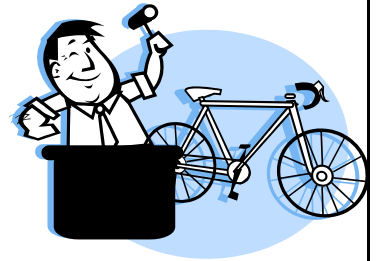
Second Annual Food Drive: VACA Community Outreach: Bring a can of dog, cat or people food to the Virginia Animal Control Association Conference in October to help the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia as they serve pets and people in need. Donations will be accepted during the entire VACA conference

VACA 3rd Annual Silent Auction

Date: 10/20/11 Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Accepting donations now!

Please send items to:
Patricia Dahl
VACA Secretary/Treasurer
362 Jefferson St.
Orange, VA 22960



Or bring your items to the check-in desk at the beginning of the conference, please include a description of the item, dollar value and donator information. This is a separate event and does not include the door prizes donated by our sponsors or exhibitors. Proceeds will be used to benefit the ACO Memorial Fund. If items are to be sent by mail please fill out the below form and include with your donation.

Item description:

Item value:

Your name:

Address:

City, State zip:

Phone number and E-mail:

Company/Jurisdiction:

Virginia Animal Control Association MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I, _____, hereby apply for membership in the Virginia Animal Control Association. If accepted, I will abide by the Constitution and by-laws and uphold the aims and purposes of the Virginia Animal Control Association.

Please Check One

- Active (ACOs) \$30 Associate (Kennel staff, interested parties) \$25 Organization \$45

Name:

Jurisdiction:

Home Address:

Business Address: If you prefer to be billed choose: HOME or BUSINESS Address?

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If paying by Credit Card; Name as it appears on card:

Card Number:

Card (circle one): VISA/MASTERCARD Expiration Month/Year:

Signature:

Mail or FAX to: Patricia Dahl, 11362 Porter Road, Orange County, Virginia 22960 Fax 540-672-9727 Membership (includes NACA) is one calendar year, October 31st through October 31st the following year.