

Certified Animal Control Officer (ACO) Course Description

CDI (through various colleges <http://www.cditraining.org/index.html>) is now offering the *Animal Control Officer (ACO) Course* approved by the New Jersey Department of Health. Over the course of seven (7) classroom days you will have to opportunity to be taught by, interact with, and build relationships with eight (8) of the foremost experts in the State of New Jersey regarding Animal Control (the following is a link to the biographies of the faculty instructing in this class <http://www.cditraining.org/pages/ACOfaculty.htm>).

Anyone interested in animal welfare personally or as a profession may and should attend this course

This includes kennel managers, shelter workers, rescue group personnel, volunteers, and those seeking an exciting career in animal control.

Course Content:

Curriculum: Taught by M. Melchionne (retired), Chief Animal Cruelty Investigator
New Jersey statutes and rules governing rabies and the control of domestic animals and wildlife.
Wildlife protection. Enforcement of statutes and rules.

Curriculum: Taught by M. Melchionne (retired), Chief Animal Cruelty Investigator
Principles and procedures for the capture and handling of stray animals and wildlife.

Curriculum: Taught by Dr. Karen Dashfield, Veterinarian
Animal disease recognition, prevention and control. Inspection procedures.

Curriculum: Taught by Ms. Heather Cammisa, CEO & President of St. Hubert's Giralda
New Jersey State Statutes including a thorough review of the regulations for shelters, pet shops, kennels and pounds and their practical implementation. Best Practices in shelter management, including in-depth discussions of: policies procedures for animal care enrichment customer service staff and volunteer training and conduct protocols community outreach and more. Presentation and discussion on the available resources like shelter forms, free webinars, ongoing education & training available, information on animal care and fundraising.

Curriculum: Taught by Mr. John Saccenti, NJ Division of Criminal Justice (retired)
Community and news media relations, NJ Court system & procedures, Courtroom testimony,
Investigative report writing, Identifying & Collecting evidence, Department of Agriculture involvement.

Curriculum: Taught by Marjorie Ford, NJ Wildlife Rehabilitator (retired)
Principles and procedures for the capture and handling of stray domestic animals and wildlife.
Officer Safety Taught by Tim Vasquez, NJ Division of Criminal Justice Investigator (retired)

Curriculum:

National Incident Command System 100 and 700 (certification) Taught by Mark O'Grady

First Aid for Injured Animals (Pet First Aid certification). Taught by Geoff Goyette, Animal Control
Officer

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

In addition to the classroom component; and in order to be certified, participants must arrange for and
complete a 20-hour field training component.

Enrollment is open to any person 18 years of age or older.

There is no requirement for prior experience or training to attend this course.

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