Animals play a big role in Wisconsin life. We have about 60,000 premises that keep livestock, nearly a million homes with dogs and more than three-quarters of a million homes with cats. And society's attitudes toward animals have changed. We demand humane treatment, and we demand that our local governments ensure that treatment.

That's what the humane officer program is all about. We train both civilians and law officers how to approach these often explosive cases. There's a special set of skills and a special body of law that applies. We bring in experts who have worked for years in the field, and take you to the barns on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison for hands-on experience. It's 40 hours of intensive training that previous students say is invaluable.

The course emphasizes livestock issues, but we also examine neglect and abuse of companion animals and the relationship of animal abuse to domestic abuse.

Wisconsin law allows cities, villages, towns and counties to rely on their own local law enforcement to investigate animal abuse and neglect. This training makes that job easier for law officers. If local jurisdictions choose to use civilian investigators, they must appoint an official humane officer – either a current employee, a new hire, or a private contractor. That humane officer must complete this training within a year after appointment.

You should attend if you are:

- An appointed humane officer who is not yet certified
- A law officer who investigates animal abuse and neglect
- Interested in becoming a humane officer

Certification

After completing the coursework and passing the examination on the last day, you will be eligible to be certified as a humane officer. You will then need to apply for certification by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. If you are a law officer, you don't need to be certified, but you can apply the course toward your recertification training requirement.

Humane Officer Training

Sept. 26-30, 2016

7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily
at the Crowne Plaza Hotel,
4402 E. Washington Ave
Madison, WI

Registration Form

Must be received by Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Wisconsin Humane Officer Training Course September 26-30, 2016 Madison, Wisconsin

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Home Address _____

_____

Email Address _____

Agency Name _____ Agency Phone _____

Agency Address _____

Mail with payment of $525.00 to:

U of MO Extension, Law Enforcement Training Inst., 115 Business Loop 70 West, Rm 135, Mizzou North, Columbia, MO 65211

Questions about registration? Contact the Law Enforcement Training Institute, 1-800-825-6505 or fax 573-884-5693.

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Register early!

Class size is limited, so please register early using the attached form or online at datcp.wisconsin.gov by Wed., Sept. 21.

Course fee:

$525, payable to the Law Enforcement Training Institute with your registration form

The course fee includes all materials and class time. It does not include meals, lodging, and testing/certification fees.

Testing fee:

$25 payable to DATCP after you arrive

Certification fee:

$35 payable to DATCP if you apply to be certified

Lodging

Crowne Plaza East Towne – A block of rooms are being held until Friday, Aug. 26. Rates are $82/night single occupancy or $102/night double occupancy. Call 888-233-9527 and mention Humane Officer Training 2016 to receive that special rate.

Meals

- Prairie Café, located in the hotel, serves a breakfast buffet.
- Starbucks, located in the hotel lobby, serves coffee and baked goods in the morning.
- Growlers Bar & Grille, located in the hotel, serves dinner.
- There are many restaurants near the hotel and a food court at East Towne shopping mall across the street, and Madison's downtown is a 15-minute drive away.

Topics covered

We teach a systematic approach to investigating animal cruelty complaints, including:

- The animal investigator's role
- Rules of evidence
- Rules of search and seizure
- Civil liability
- Wisconsin and constitutional animal law
- Facility standards
- Evaluation of cruelty
- Nutrition
- Body conditioning and scoring
- Pet shop investigations
- Photographing and sketching
- Crime scene protection and evidence collection
- Interviewing and interrogation
- Report writing
- Courtroom testimony
- Crisis intervention/officer safety

For more information

- About registering, call 1-800-825-6505
- About the training and humane officers, call 608-224-4888
- About lodging, call 800-404-7630 or Google "Madison Crowne Plaza"
- Or go to http://datcp.wisconsin.gov and look under the "Animals" tab