

## Why is humane officer training needed?

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. Today's public attitudes toward animals demands humane treatment and that our local government ensures that treatment.

The humane officer program provides this training to both civilians and law officers on how to approach these often explosive cases. There is 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. The training is 40 hours of intensive curriculum that 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.

## Who should attend?

- Humane officers who have been appointed but not yet certified
- Law officers who investigate animal abuse and neglect
- Individuals interested in becoming a humane officer

## How do I become certified?

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 (DATCP). If you are a law officer, you do not need to be certified, but you can apply the course toward your recertification training requirement.

# Humane Officer Training

September 24-28, 2018

7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
4402 E. Washington Ave.  
Madison, WI 53704



## Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Division of Animal Health  
2811 Agriculture Dr.  
Madison, WI 53718  
<https://datcp.wi.gov>





**How do I register?**

You can register for the training through any of the following methods:

- Online at [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/HumaneOfficerTraining.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/HumaneOfficerTraining.aspx) and click on “Register online.”
- Call the Law Enforcement Training Institute at 1-800-825-6505.
- Fill out the form in this brochure and mail it in with your payment.

**When do I need to register by?**

Class size is limited. Register early using the attached form before Monday, September 17.

**What is the cost?**

**Course:** \$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 or certification fees.

**Testing:** \$25 payable to DATCP after you arrive.

**Certification:** \$35 payable to DATCP if you apply to be certified

**What if I need to stay overnight?**

A block of rooms are being held at the Crowne Plaza East Towne until they are sold out. The rate is \$82 per night for single and \$102 per night for a double. Call 1-888-233-9527 and mention Humane Officer Training 2018 to receive the special rate.

**Where can I eat?**

There are many restaurants near the hotel, a food court at East Towne shopping mall across the street, and Madison’s downtown is a 15-minute drive away. The following are located in the hotel:

- Prairie Café, serves a breakfast buffet
- Starbucks, serves coffee and baked goods in the morning
- Growlers Bar and Grille, serves dinner

**What topics are 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 and officer safety

**Where can I get more information?**

- About registering, call 1-800-825-6505
- About the training and humane officers, call 608-224-4888
- About lodging, call 888-233-9527, or Google “Madison Crowne Plaza”
- Or go to <http://datcp.wisconsin.gov> and search “humane officer”

**Registration Form**

**Must be received by Monday, September 17, 2018**

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Wisconsin Humane Officer Training Course September 24-28, 2018, Madison, Wisconsin

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Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Agency Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail with payment of \$525.00 to:**

U of MO Extension, Law Enforcement Training Inst., 115 Business Loop 70 West, Rm 143, Columbia, MO 65211

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