



AGENDA  
**ANIMAL CRUELTY/DOG FIGHTING  
INVESTIGATOR CERTIFICATION COURSE**

Instructors: Keane Menefee

October 7-8, 2019

Course Host: Mansfield Animal Services

Course Cost: \$150/Student, non-refundable, credit card or checks made out to Keane Menefee and mailed to 2208 Woodland Oaks Dr, Arlington, TX 76013 or call 817-996-1452 to pay by credit card...\$5 credit card convenience charge. No refunds, only class credit for a future course.

To register visit [www.Pet-Tactical.org](http://www.Pet-Tactical.org)

**Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Location: Chris W. Burkett Service Center, 620 S. Wisteria St., Mansfield, TX 76063

8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m., 7 CE's per day for a total of 14 Continuing Education Credit Hours for the Complete Course

***Animal Cruelty/ Dog Fighting Investigator Certification Course Agenda***

***Introduction to Animal Cruelty Investigations***

***Correlation of Violence & Cruelty:***

- Animal Abuse, Child Abuse and Domestic Violence
- Juveniles Abusing Animals
- Serial Killers/Animal Abusers

***Recognizing the Different Types of Animal Cruelty:***

- Passive
- Active
- Hoarding
- Enforcement Options

***Texas State Laws:***

- Differences Between Civil and Criminal Prosecution & Animal Controls Role
- Danger Up Ahead!!! Know the Laws!
  - Health & Safety Code 821, Subchapter B. Disposition of Cruelly Treated Animals
  - Penal Code 42.09, Cruelty to Livestock Animals
  - Penal Code 42.091, Attack on Assistance Animal
  - Penal Code 42.092, Cruelty to Non-Livestock Animals
  - Penal Code 42.105, Cockfighting

***Local Ordinances:***

- What Types of Cruelty/Neglect Ordinances Do You Need
- Do Your Research
- Double Jeopardy?!?!

### ***How To: A Blue Print for Cruelty Investigation Success:***

- The Call Comes In
- Investigate Animal Cruelty
- Stakeholders:
  - City Attorney, Municipal Court, and Judge
  - Police Department
  - District Attorney and Criminal Court
- Warrant & Seizure of Animals
- Sheltering Cruelly Treated Animals
- Animals Care in Custody
- Cost of Seizing Animals & How to Calculate Potential Impact
- Veterinarian Role
- Preparing for the Hearing
- Courtroom Preparation & Testimony
- Post Hearing/Appeal Requirements
- Criminal Charges, Arrest, Prosecution

### ***What Now? Disposition of Cruelly Treated Animals:***

- Court Orders
- Disposition Options:
  - Adoption
  - Rescue
  - Auction
  - Humane Euthanasia
- Public Backlash

### ***Animal Cruelty Impact on the Animal Control/Welfare Professional:***

- For Whom the Bell Tolls; It Tolls for Thee
  - Emotional, Mental, and Physical Impact
  - Shelter Impact

### ***Texas Dog Fighting Investigations***

#### ***Anatomy of a Dog Fighter***

- Profiles of Dog Fighters
  - Street Fighters
  - Hobbyists
  - Professionals

#### ***Laws & Legalities***

- Texas State Laws
  - Health & Safety Code 821
  - Penal Code 42.10
  - Code of Criminal Procedures 18.18
  - Hog Dogs
    - Bay Trials
    - Catch Trials
  - Weight Pulling

#### ***Breeding, Training & Equipment***

- The Pitbull
  - Historical Background
- Fighting Dog Characteristics
- Schooling, Training, Conditioning
  - Housing
  - Short Rolls



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- The Keep
- Vitamins, Drugs & Veterinary Supplies
- Formal Betting/Contracts
  - Attendees
  - The Promoter
  - Dog Handlers
  - The Referee
  - Spectators
  - Side Betting
  - Fight Location
  - Fight Preparations
  - The Pit
  - The Match
  - Tactics
    - Turn
    - Scratch
    - Quitting or Losing
- Additional Criminal Activities
- Other Monies
- Other Crimes

***Enforcement of Animal Fighting Laws***

- Investigation
- Surveillance
- Warrants
- Sources
- The Raid
- Convictions

***Recognizing Where Fighting Dogs Maybe***

***How to Report Suspected Dog Fighting***

***Bait Dogs, Craigslist and Other Ways to Obtain Dogs***