



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

Instructors: Keane Menefee
December 3-4, 2020
Course Host: Arlington 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

Location: Arlington Animal Services, 1000 S.E. Green Oaks Blvd. Arlington, TX 76018

Date: Thursday, December 3rd and Friday, December 4th, 2020

Time: 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



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- 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

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



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- 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
 - 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



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Recognizing Where Fighting Dogs Maybe

How to Report Suspected Dog Fighting

Bait Dogs, Craigslist and Other Ways to Obtain Dogs

COVID-19 Course Precautions:

- The course will be limited to 20 participants to space attendees apart. If you are not comfortable attending trainings right now and have pre-paid, you will be given a credit for a future course.
- Face masks/protection is recommended
- Frequent washing/sanitizing of hands
- Anyone presenting any signs or symptoms of illness will be asked to leave and reschedule for a future course.
- Symptoms Include:
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea
 - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 in the previous 14-days
 - If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, the following three criteria must be met before attending training:
 - ✓ At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - ✓ The individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath);
 - ✓ At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared