



Virginia Animal Control Association
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The Virginia Animal Control Association (VACA) is committed to providing a united voice for animal control professionals in Virginia. We are dedicated to the protection of the public and animals, humane law enforcement, and the highest standards of care for the animals in our custody.

Our mission is to advance these precepts by developing and providing quality training to animal control officers throughout their careers, by facilitating communication between public and private agencies, and by initiating and supporting responsible legislation for the protection of the public and animals.

It is possible in every profession to have a certain few individuals who do not behave ethically nor abide by the standards of their peers. VACA maintains that abuse, neglect or cruelty to animals is criminal behavior that should merit appropriate punishment under the law. If an animal control officer, who is sworn to protect animals, commits such crimes, his or her behavior is even more reprehensible. Such officer no longer deserves to be part of our profession and his or her crime demands prosecution to the fullest extent allowed by law.

VACA sincerely hopes the many dedicated and caring animal control professionals will not be judged nor have their service tainted by the actions of a few.