



Virginia Animal Control Association
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Virginia Animal Control Association Completes Successful Conference

The Virginia Animal Control Association (VACA) held its 34th annual training conference in historic Charlottesville, October 17 - 19. Animal care and control professionals from across the Commonwealth were in attendance. The nearly 100 in attendance participated in classes on horse handling and first aid, crisis intervention training and reptile care just to name a few.

Keynote speaker Wayne Pacelle, President and CEO of The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), joined VACA at its annual awards ceremony. Pacelle shared his appreciation for the hard work done by animal control professionals. Honored at the banquet for their dedicated work in the animal welfare community were:

- The Dr. Kent Roberts Award for Animal Control Officer of the Year
 - Deputy Kerri McKenzie, King and Queen County
- Valor Award
 - Lead Animal Control Officer Angela Chan, Loudoun County
- Public Service Award
 - Fairfax County Police and Animal Control
 - Retired Sgt. William David Horton, Botetourt County
 - Bradley McGehee and Louisa County Animal Control Officers
 - Corporal Andrea Enke, Winchester
 - Joy Wilson, Director – Animal Welfare League of Alexandria
- President's Award
 - Anita Campbell, Bristol, TN

The annual VACA food drive helped the people and pets serviced by the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. The silent auction and raffle during the conference helped raise money for the VACA Memorial Fund.

The 2012 VACA conference was generously sponsored by the ASPCA, The Humane Society of the United States, Petfinder, Jackson Creek Manufacturing, Inc., PetSmart Charities, Swab Wagon Company and Jones Trailer Company.

Look for the Virginia Animal Control Association next year as it celebrates its 35th anniversary conference at Virginia Tech!

Providing a united voice for Animal Care and Control Professionals throughout Virginia!
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