

Make Plans Now to Attend!

Florida Animal Control Association

2015 Educational Conference

February 27 - March 1, 2015

Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort - Orlando

Early Bird Registration Ends February 14th!

“Uncovering the Tools for Success!”

FACA’s 2015 Educational Conference presents the most progressive practices in the animal services industry for all staff including Enforcement, Sheltering and Management. Certified Animal Control Officers can earn up to 20 CEU credits!

Special day with extended forensic and prosecution sessions featuring Dr. Melinda Merck and Gillian Deegan.



2015 Florida Animal Control Association “Uncovering the Tools for Success”

Friday, February 27

7 am - 8 am Conference Registration & Breakfast in Exhibit Area - Silent Auction opens

8 am - 8:30 am - FACA Member Meeting & Legislative Update

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8:30 am - 10 am

- Track 1: Workplace Violence & Active Shooter Training
- Track 2: Rabies Update & Challenging Cases
- Track 3: Building Community Disaster Resiliency: A Brief History of Animals in Disasters & How the Local Shelter Can Help

10 am - 10:20 am - Break with Vendors & Silent Auction

10:20 am - Noon

- Track 1: Dog Fighting Investigations
- Track 2: Officer Safety - Effective communication
- Track 3: Turbo Charge Adoptions

Noon - 1:30 pm - Lunch

1:30 pm - 3:10 pm

- Track 1: The use of Forensics in Animal Cruelty Cases
- Track 2: Mitigating Human-Wildlife Conflict: Updates from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Track 3: Public/Private Partnerships to Save Lives

3:10 - 3:30 pm - Break with Vendors & Silent Auction

3:30 pm - 5 pm

- Track 1: Crime Scene to Courtroom, Part 1
- Track 2: Dangerous Dog Investigations
- Track 3: Shelter Safety Net Programs - Keeping pets with their people

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Welcome Reception

Saturday, February 28

7 am - 8 am Conference Registration and Breakfast in Exhibit Area. Silent Auction continues.

8 am - 10 am

- Track 1: Applying Forensics: A Case Study
- Track 2: Proactive Community Animal Control
- Track 3: Beyond Kennel Cough: Emerging Threats for Florida Shelter Dogs

10 am - 10:20 am - Break with Vendors & Silent Auction

10:20 am - Noon

- Track 1: Crime Scene to Courtroom, Part 2
- Track 2: Understanding and Preventing Dog Bites
- Track 3: The Million Cat Challenge - Every Cat Counts

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- Track 1: Animal Sleuths/Mock Scene Crime Investigation Part 1
- Track 2: The Emotional Impact of the Animal Care & Control Profession: Compassion Fatigue to Satisfaction
- Track 3: Let Them Eat!

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- Track 1: Animal Sleuths/Mock Scene Crime Investigation Part 2
- Track 2: Call-Taker Training: Trouble-Shooting Wildlife Problems Over the Phone
- Track 3: Busting Myths and Breaking Barriers

7 pm - FACA Awards Banquet

Sunday, March 1

7 am - 8 am Continental Breakfast

8 am - Noon

Python Patrol - Responder Certification
Class limited to 25 attendees.

8 am - 9 am

Create, Share, Engage! How YOU Can Use Social Media to Increase Adoptions and Promote Your Organization

9 am - 10 am

The Link between Animal Abuse and Human Interpersonal Violence

10 am - 11 am

Animal Hoarding: What's Wrong With These People and What Can Your Department Do to Curb the Problem?

11 am - Noon

Enforcement Roundtable

“Workplace Violence & Active Shooter Training” – Presented by *Sgt. Yuri Melich, with the Crime Prevention Unit and Community Relations Section of the Orange County Sheriff’s Office.*

Participants will get a detailed overview of workplace violence to include red flags to look for before the event, and how to deal with the active shooter event.

“Rabies Update and Challenging Cases” – Presented by *Dr. Danielle Stanek with the Florida Department of Health* will provide an update on 2014 Rabies cases and developments across Florida.

“Building Community Disaster Resiliency: A Brief History of Animals in Disasters & How the Local Shelter Can Help” – Presented by *Elizabeth Serca-Dominguez - Manager, Disaster Response, Field Investigations and Response ASPCA*

- Ms. Dominguez will share with attendees how they can help their communities be better prepared in the event a disaster strikes. A brief history of animals in disasters will be followed by a review of ESF17 in the state along with government and nongovernment resources available to communities for preparedness and response activities.

“Dog fighting Investigations” – Presented by *Janette Reeve, the Deputy Manager of Animal Fighting Response with the Humane Society of the United States* and is an expert in dog fighting and investigations. She has 18 years of experience in the field and five additional years with the Humane Society. This training will cover:

What is dog fighting , who participates, and how are the fights conducted
Understanding the lingo commonly used in the dog fighting word, how a dog’s pedigree can support your case, paraphernalia and other conditioning techniques – including videos
Investigating animal fighting complaints and how to gather supporting evidence for probable cause
What do you do with the animals

“Officer Safety – Effective communication”

– Presented by *Sgt. Yuri Melich, with the Crime Prevention Unit and Community Relations Section of the Orange County Sheriff’s Office.* Participants will learn techniques to enhance their safety while conducting their daily activities and how techniques on dealing with difficult citizen encounters.

“Turbo Charge Adoptions” – *Caitlin Quinn, Animal Farm Foundation, Foundation Manager,* will present information that will help animal control agencies evaluate policies and practices and identify opportunities for changes that will

result in getting more pets home, faster. Quinn’s information and ideas are easy to replicate and affordable for municipal shelters.

“The use of Forensics in Animal Cruelty Cases” – *these special extended sessions (a full day and a half) have been sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States and the Animal Legal Defense Fund. Presented by Dr. Melinda Merck, a well known Veterinary Forensics expert, and Gillian Deegan, a very successful animal cruelty prosecutor.*

Together, they will provide a full day and a half of training for our attendees, separated out into unique segments. These sessions will take you from start to finish, teaching you the basics and then show you how to process a mock crime scene, with tips on successful prosecution throughout.

“Mitigating Human-Wildlife Conflict: Updates from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission” - *Staff from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission*

will provide an overview of the agency, its role and responsibilities, and identify specific programs and activities that may support, inform or interact with Florida’s animal control agencies and service providers.

“Public/Private Partnerships to Save Lives” – *This 7 member panel discussion will have both private and public representatives from Palm Beach County, Alachua County and Pinellas County.*

They will discuss how to build successful partnerships with the common goal of saving more lives by effectively working together.

“Legislative Update” – *This panel discussion will involve FACA’s contracted lobbyist, as well as a representative from the ASPCA, the HSUS and FAAWO.*

Attendees will be informed of the challenges faced in the State’s Capital as each organization works to advance their own legislative agenda, as well as how they all support each other’s efforts.

“Dangerous Dog Investigations” – *provided by Jim Crosby, expert on fatal dog attacks,*

will provide a session on Florida’s Dangerous Dog laws and how a solid investigation should be completed. Jim will also discuss how the 2011 DCA ruling can affect local Ordinances.

“Safety Net Programs – Keeping pets with their people” – Presented by *Joan Carlson-Radabaugh the ASPCA’s Community Initiatives Director for Florida and Georgia.*

Discover how

to strengthen your agency's safety net activities with innovative programs and resources that help keep animals in their homes—and out of your shelter. Learn about impactful approaches for intake intervention; expanding the scope of foster care; identifying and developing needed services to your community's most at risk people and pets; and engaging your community's animal welfare and human service agencies in safety net.

“Proactive Community Animal Control”

– *Presented by Officer Todd Stosuy, the Field Services Manager for the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter in California and also the NACA President since 2011.* This workshop will highlight the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelters proactive and community oriented animal care and control philosophy that addresses the issues of animal overpopulation, animal abuse/neglect, and nuisance complaints with positive results.

“Beyond Kennel Cough: Emerging Threats for Florida Shelter Dogs”

– *Presented by Dr. Cynda Crawford, a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine.* It's no surprise that animal shelters can be incubators for the spread of respiratory infections in dogs. In many cases, the diseases are familiar. But assuming a cough is just kennel cough might cause you to miss an important diagnosis with more serious consequences for both the dogs and the shelter. This session will highlight the emerging respiratory pathogens that threaten Florida shelter dogs, how to recognize them, and what to do to prevent loss of life, disruption of shelter operations, and a negative image in the community.

“Understanding and Preventing Dog Bites”

– *Presented by Janis Bradley, NCRC Director of Communication and Publications.* Bradley will help officers better understand and communicate about dog bites in their communities, including how to approach dog bites with a neutral, non-biased, common sense approach that calms fears rather than escalates worry.

“The Million Cat Challenge - Every cat counts”

– *Presented by Dr. Julie Levy, Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida.* That's the premise of the Million Cat Challenge, a joint campaign of the UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program and the Maddie's Shelter Medicine Program at the University of Florida. The Million Cat Challenge seeks to partner with animal shelters

across North America to implement one or more of five initiatives designed to increase the number of cats who leave shelters alive. These programs will reduce intake, improve the conditions cats experience in shelters, remove barriers to adoption and revolutionize the way community/feral cats are handled.

“The Emotional Impact of the Animal Care & Control Profession: Compassion Fatigue to Satisfaction”

– *Presented by Rob Leinberger, current Vice-President of NACA and President of the Virginia Animal Control Association.* This class takes a direct look at the emotional and complex aspect of compassion fatigue for animal care and control professionals. It explores how compassion fatigue directly affects us as well as how we can turn it into job satisfaction, thereby improving the lives of animals as well as ourselves.

“Busting Myths and Breaking Barriers!”

– *Presented by Dr. Emily Weiss, a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist and Vice President of Shelter Research and Development for the ASPCA.* Are black dogs less likely to be adopted than other colors? Are volunteers/fosters better adoption counselors than staff? Should we allow gift adoptions? This workshop will outline research and program focused on these topics and more. At the end of the workshop attendees will leave with the practical tools to implement programs right away!

“Call-Taker Training: Trouble-Shooting Wildlife Problems Over the Phone”

– *Presented by Laura Simon, Wildlife Ecologist for the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).* She ran a wildlife hotline for 18 years to help individuals, businesses and communities resolve wildlife problems. Laura is also the president of the Connecticut Wildlife Rehabilitators Association. This interactive training will teach you how to handle the public's wildlife dilemmas in a matter of minutes, get “orphans” back with their parent(s), help you interpret wild animal behavior, and give effective solutions to common wildlife problems.

“Let Them Eat!”

– *Presented by Dr. Emily Weiss, a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist and Vice President of Shelter Research and Development for the ASPCA.* Research on food guarding from the ASPCA's Research and Development department has uncovered a simple protocol to modify food guarding. The findings from this research can significantly improve the live outcomes for dogs. Attendees to this workshop will explore the research around food guarding and will leave the workshop with the tools to implement the food guarding protocol in their facilities.

“Create, Share, Engage! How YOU Can Use Social Media to Increase Adoptions and Promote Your Organization” - by

Lynn Rasys, Director of Communications, Cat Depot, a nonprofit rescue, adoption, education and resource center, in Sarasota, Florida. Yes! You can do it! From this seminar, you can fill your tool box with ideas that work, increase adoptions and promote a positive image for your organization.

“Python Patrol - Responder Certification” –

This 3 hour training will be presented by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Python Patrol is a training program that teaches individuals to identify Burmese pythons, safely and humanely capture these invasive snakes, and properly report the data to FWC. The goal of the program is to create a network of trained individuals throughout south Florida who know how to identify Burmese pythons and how to report sightings, which will help FWC respond quickly when these snakes are encountered. The hands on portion of this class is limited to the first 25 people, with preference given to those who get their conference registration into FACA Headquarters as a first come first serve basis.

“Animal Hoarding: What’s Wrong With These People and What Can Your Department Do to Curb the Problem?” -

Presented by Adam Leath, Regional Director of the Investigations Division at the ASPCA, investigates and responds to cases of animal abuse throughout the Southeastern United States. Animal Hoarding affects communities across the globe. This session will outline some of the proactive measures your community can employ to handle some of its best kept secrets (hoarders) and will review recent trends in establishing community-based responses.

“The Link between Animal Abuse and Human Interpersonal Violence” - *Presented*

by Adam Leath, Regional Director of the Investigations Division at the ASPCA, investigates and responds to cases of animal abuse throughout the Southeastern United States. There is an undeniable link between animal abuse and violence perpetrated against people. When pets are abused, people are at risk. When people are abused, animals are at risk. It is important to recognize the LINK when responding to cases in the field. This session will concentrate on the recent trends with the LINK and how this information can be beneficial when making a case for the silent victims.

“Uncovering the Tools for Success” Conference Information



Full Conference Registration includes: All sessions, exhibits and a conference CD or Flash drive. All meals and breaks are also included: Friday continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner with FACA Olympics; Saturday continental breakfast, lunch, and Awards banquet and Sunday continental breakfast.

Friday-Only registration includes: All Friday sessions, exhibits, conference CD or Flash drive and Friday's meals and breaks: Friday continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner with FACA Olympics.

Saturday-Only registration includes: All Saturday sessions, exhibits, conference CD or Flash drive and Saturday's meals and breaks: Saturday continental breakfast, lunch, and FACA Awards Banquet.

Why Wait? Register Now!!

Registration for the full three-day conference is \$325 for FACA members, and \$360 for non-members. If you would like to register for just one day, either Friday or Saturday, the registration fee is \$185 for FACA members and \$220 for non-members. If registering AFTER February 14, please add 10% to all registration fees. On-site registration is \$200 per day, and does not include meals or events.

Please make check payable to **Florida Animal Control Association**. Mail registration form with payment to: Florida Animal Control Association, PO Box 211267, Royal Palm Beach, Florida, 33421. Questions? Contact FACA at info@floridaanimalcontrol.org or call 786-505-FACA.

Hotel Information

The 2015 Florida Animal Control Association “Uncovering the Tools for Success” conference will be held at the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort, 1850 Hotel Plaza Boulevard, Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Conference room rates begin at \$109. Please call the hotel directly at 407-828-4444 to book a room, or [click here](#). To receive the conference rate, call before January 26, and be sure to mention the FACA Conference to reserve at the conference rate. The number of rooms at the conference rate is limited.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Cancellations before February 4th will receive a full refund. Cancellations between February 4th and February 14th will receive a 50% refund. No refunds will be issued after February 14th.

No audio or video recording of sessions allowed without prior approval of the Florida Animal Control Association. The Florida Animal Control Association provides these workshops for informational purposes only, and the views expressed in these workshops are not necessarily the views of FACA. FACA does not endorse nor recommend specific protocols or procedures provided during this seminar.



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“Uncovering the Tools for Success”
Educational Conference Registration Form

Name: _____ Title: _____ Email: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Type of Membership?

FACA Member FAAWO Member Non-Member

This is my first FACA Educational Conference

Registration for FULL CONFERENCE - **FACA MEMBER RATE** (\$325 Friday-Sunday)

Registration for FULL CONFERENCE - **NON FACA Member Rate** (\$360 Friday-Sunday)

Registration for FRIDAY Only (FACA Member Rate \$185 - Non-Member rate \$220)
Number of attendees for **FRIDAY**. Name(s): _____

Registration for SATURDAY Only (FACA Member Rate \$185 - Non-Member rate \$220)
Number of attendees for **SATURDAY**. Name(s): _____

Total Due: _____ *Please add 10% late fee if registering after February 14. On-site registration \$200 per day, meals not included.*

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