



## *Nomination for FACA Board of Directors*

**NAME:** Adam Leath

**JOB TITLE:** Director

**AGENCY:** Volusia County Animal Services

**COUNTY WHERE LOCATED:** Volusia

Based out of Daytona Beach, Florida, Adam Leath is the Director of Volusia County Animal Services. He investigates and responds to situations involving animal victims of natural disasters and animal cruelty cases in Volusia County. Leath was formerly a Regional Director of the Field Investigations and Response Team at the ASPCA where he led one of the largest operations in ASPCA history with the seizure of over 1,000 animals in August of 2016. Leath has responded to multiple dog fighting operations throughout his time at the ASPCA, including the second largest dog fighting bust in U.S. history in 2013, resulting in the seizure of more than 400 dogs.

Leath holds a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from the University of Tennessee and a Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Forensic Science from the University of Florida. He is a courtesy Assistant Professor for the Department of Comparative, Diagnostic, and Population Medicine at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. He is a Director on the Board of Directors and Treasurer for the National Animal Care and Control Association (NACA). Leath is a Past President of the International Veterinary Forensic Sciences Association (IVFSA) and is a Certified National Animal Cruelty Investigator through the University of Missouri. He has also been certified in Equine Cruelty Investigation through the University of Colorado. Leath has been certified as an expert witness in animal fighting and animal cruelty in the states of Florida and New York.

Leath began his career in animal welfare in 2006 as an Animal Control Officer for Lee County Domestic Animal Services in Fort Myers, Florida. He has spent the past 15 years working in the state of Florida and nationally on issues pertaining to the health and welfare of animals. He maintains professional contacts and cultivates relationships with animal control and enforcement agencies throughout the state of Florida. His primary interest in seeking a position on the FACA Board is to elevate the standards for ACO's through networking, trainings, and advocacy. He strives to be a part of the momentum to promote the work of ACO's and recognition of the contributions made by animal welfare employees.