



**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE AND
CONSUMER SERVICES**

UPCOMING APPROVED ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES OPEN TO VIRGINIA ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

Virginia Code § 3.2-6556 requires every animal control officer to complete 15 hours of additional training in animal control and protection every three years and requires all training courses to be approved by the State Veterinarian. For information about requesting approval for an upcoming training event, visit: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/animals-animal-care.shtml>.

Date	Provider	Course Name	Location	Training Hours	Cost
3/25/2026 - 3/27/2026	Virginia Federation of Humane Societies	VFHS Annual Conference Workshops	Hotel Madison Harrisonburg, VA	16.5	\$350
3/26/2026	Justice Clearinghouse	Learn What the Monster Likes – And Feed It: Bridging the Animal Rights/Welfare/Control Gap	Online	1	\$0
3/26/2026	Humane World for Animals	Bridging the Gap: Shelters and Wildlife Coexistence	Online	1	\$0
3/26/2026	VAAS	Regional Workshop	Brittingham-Midtown Community Center Newport News	8	\$0
3/27/2026	VAAS	Regional Workshop	Loudoun County Public Animal Shelter	8	\$0
4/2/2026	VDACS	Humane Animal Euthanasia	Fairfax County Department of Animal Services 4500 West Ox Road Fairfax, VA 22030	8	\$0
4/7/2026	VAAS	Regional Workshop	City of Danville Police Headquarters	8	\$0
4/8/2026	National BERP Team	Bovine Emergency Response Plan (BERP)	Winchester, VA	8	\$0
4/8/2026	VAAS	Regional Workshop	Wytheville Regional Animal Health Laboratory	8	\$0
4/14/2026	VAAS	Regional Workshop	Henrico County Training Center	8	\$0

4/15/2026	Hope's Legacy Equine Rescue	Equine Education and Safe Handling	Castle Rock Farm, Afton, VA	4	\$0
4/15/2026	VAAS	Regional Workshop	Harrisonburg Regional Animal Health Laboratory	8	\$0
4/24/2026	Justice Clearinghouse	Raccoons, Reports, and Real-Time Maps: Using Data and Maps to Tell Wild Stories and Shape Smart Policies	Online	1	\$0
4/21/2026	VDACS	Humane Animal Euthanasia	Harrisonburg Regional Animal Health Laboratory	8	\$0
4/24/2026	VDACS	Humane Animal Euthanasia	Chesapeake Public Animal Shelter	8	\$0
4/29/2026	Humane World For Animals	Reforming Nuisance Wildlife Response: How one small department made big changes	Online	1	\$0
5/6/2026	National BERP Team	Bovine Emergency Response Plan (BERP)	Bedford, VA	8	\$0
5/6/2026	VDACS	Humane Animal Euthanasia	Eanes-Pittman Public Safety Training Center Chesterfield County	8	\$0
5/7/2026	National BERP Team	Bovine Emergency Response Plan (BERP)	Chatham, VA	8	\$0
5/7/2026-5/8/2026	Animal Search and Rescue	Swiftwater Field Operations Training	Family Justice Center, Chattanooga, TN	16	\$400
5/8/2026	National BERP Team	Bovine Emergency Response Plan (BERP)	Farmville, VA	8	\$0
5/21/2026	Justice Clearinghouse	Raccoons, Reports, and Real-Time Maps: Using Data and Maps to Tell Wild Stories and Shape Smart Policies	Online	1	\$0
6/2/2026	VDACS	Humane Animal Euthanasia	Loudoun County Public Animal Shelter	8	\$0

6/23/2026 - 6/24/2026	San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance Academy	Chemical Immobilization and Anesthesia of Domestic and Wildlife Species	Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy	16	Variable
7/8/2026	VDACS	Humane Animal Euthanasia	Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy	8	\$0
7/16/2026	Humane World for Animals	Top 10 Tips for Taking Wildlife Calls	Online	1	\$0
8/3/2026	Justice Clearinghouse	Replay: When the Evidence Wags Its Tail	Online	1	\$0
8/4/2026	VDACS	Humane Animal Euthanasia	Wytheville Regional Animal Health Laboratory	8	\$0
8/13/2026	Justice Clearinghouse	Solving Conflicts with Coyotes	Online	1	\$0
8/18/2026	VDACS	Humane Animal Euthanasia	Lynchburg Regional Animal Health Laboratory	8	\$0
9/1/2026	Justice Clearinghouse	Closing the 'PAWS Gap' in Victim Advocacy through Pet-Inclusive Services	Online	1	\$0
9/2/2026	VDACS	Humane Animal Euthanasia	Eanes-Pittman Public Safety Training Center Chesterfield	8	\$0
9/9/2026	Humane World for Animals	Are Your Assumptions Getting in the Way of Better Outcomes for Wildlife?	Online	1	\$0
9/15/2026	Hope's Legacy Equine Rescue	Equine Education and Safe Handling	Castle Rock Farm, Afton, VA	4	\$0
9/28/2026	Justice Clearinghouse	Replay: Lost Cats and Found Hounds: Community-based Solutions to Boost Your Return-to-Owner Metrics	Online	1	\$0
10/6/2026	VDACS	Humane Animal Euthanasia	Cardinal Criminal Justice Academy Salem	8	\$0

10/8/2026	Justice Clearinghouse	Not Without My Dog! Planning for Pet Sheltering During a Disaster	Online	1	\$0
10/22/2026	Justice Clearinghouse	The Investigation and Prosecution of Hoarding Cases	Online	1	\$0
10/23/2026 - 10/24/2026	Animal Protection Society and Animal Law Source	Animal Protection and Wellness Expo	Hotel at Avalon Alpharetta, GA	10	\$175
11/3/2026	Justice Clearinghouse	Safety Planning with Pets	Online	1	\$0
11/4/2026	VDACS	Humane Animal Euthanasia	Virginia Beach Law Enforcement Training Academy	8	\$0
11/19/2026	Justice Clearinghouse	Ready, Respond, Recover: Animal Disaster Response in Practice	Online	1	\$0
Ongoing through 2026	Global Wildlife Resources	The Foundations of Wildlife Chemical Capture	Online	16	\$580
Ongoing through 2026	FEMA	IS-100.c - Introduction to the Incident Command System	Online	4	\$0
Ongoing through 2026	FEMA	IS-700.b - Introduction to the National Incident Management System	Online	4	\$0
Ongoing through 2026	Code 3 Associates	Animal Heatstroke Management	Online	1.4	\$25
Ongoing through 2026	Code 3 Associates	Warrants for Animal Law Enforcement Officers	Online	2	\$25
Ongoing through 2026	Code 3 Associates	Navigating Service Dog Issues	Online	2	\$25
Ongoing through 2026	Code 3 Associates	Ritualistic Animal Crimes	Online	3	\$30

Ongoing through 2026	Code 3 Associates	Search and Rescue for the Animal Rescue Responder	Online	1.5	\$25
Ongoing through 2026	Code 3 Associates	Exotic Animal Investigations	Online	2	\$25
Ongoing through 2026	Code 3 Associates	Overtured Livestock Trailers	Online	2	\$25
Ongoing through 2026	Code 3 Associates	Using Digital/Electronic Investigations to Solve Animal Crimes	Online	1.7	\$25
Ongoing through 2026	VetFolio	Equine Veterinary Forensics	Online https://www.vetfolio.com/courses/vaep-equine-forensics-program	11	\$375 (book \$95 - optional)