

# Texas Academy of Animal Control Officers



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*“The Premier Humane Law Enforcement Training Facility in the State of Texas“*

The TFA is the ultimate Humane Law Enforcement, Animal Control Officer (ACO) and Animal Care Technician (ACT) training course. It is structured much like a combination miniature **Police Academy and Vocational School**. In 30 short days, you can be ready to start an exciting career in the Animal Control, *Humane Law Enforcement* field. The jobs are waiting for you.

The TFA is a complete 130 hour (4 week) course that earns the graduate a **prestigious diploma 2 State certifications, and 12 certificates of completion**, in all pertinent areas of the Animal Care and Control (ACC) field. The better trained and educated a person is, in any field, the better safer job they will do. The TFA affords employment opportunities in 4 different areas. First and most needed, are **Animal Control Officers**, working the street. Secondly, as an **Animal Care Technician** (Vet Assistant) working in an animal shelter, humane society or vet clinic. Last, but certainly not least, is an **Animal Cruelty Investigator**. However, some of the larger ACC departments are now combining Animal Control with **Code Enforcement**. Code Enforcement is another avenue that the TFA familiarizes the student with.

The TFA course is in part approved by the **Texas Department of Health Services, (Zoonosis Control Branch)**, The **Texas Animal Control Association** and is also a part of the **Blinn College Workforce Education training program**, earning Continuing Education credit hours through Blinn. The TFA is also an approved training course for **the Texas Department of Assistance and Rehabilitation Services (DARS), the US Veterans Administration** and occasionally the Texas Workforce Commission. TAACO accepts those benefits as tuition assistance. TAACO accept any grants or scholarships a student may qualify for.

**The TFA curriculum contains, but is not limited to, the following subjects:**

*Texas ACO Basic Certification\**  
*Animal Cruelty Investigations*  
*Lrg & Sml Animal Health & Nutrition*  
*Animal Disease Recognition (Zoonosis)*  
*Parasitology & Testing*  
*Rabies Control & Prevention*  
*Prevention of Disease and Contamination*  
*Animals in Disaster / Animal First Aid*  
*Introduction to Environmental Crimes*  
*Familiarization with Citation Writing*  
*Arrest and Magistration Procedures*  
*Animal Laws, Rules & Regulations*  
*Officer Safety and Survival*  
*Public Relations & Perception*  
*Spay / Neuter Demonstration*  
*Interview Preparedness*  
*FEMA- MIMS 100-800 Response Training*

*Certified Euthanasia Technician \**  
*Animal Care Technician (Vet Asst)*  
*Large & Small Animal Anatomy*  
*Medical Terminology*  
*Animal Shelter Hygiene & Management*  
*Wildlife, Reptile & Fowl Identification*  
*Animal Quarantine Requirements*  
*Police Radio & Emergency Procedures*  
*Offense/Incident Report Writing*  
*Familiarization with Seizure of Animals*  
*Courtroom Demeanor & Procedures*  
*Animal CPR / First Aid*  
*Dangerous Animal Recognition*  
*Officer Professionalism & Ethics*  
*Dangerous – Vicious Dog Handling*  
*Interview and Employment Assistance*  
*Vet assistance overview*

There is no other training program available anywhere that is even close to being comparable to the depth and quality of the TFA course. We have a 90% hire rate of our TFA graduates. Employers desire to hire persons that are fully trained and ready to work. Many TFA students have job offers before or immediately upon graduation. If you are willing to relocate, the job opportunities are endless. The average starting pay is approximately \$12.00-\$16.00 an hour.

The total tuition for the complete TFA course is \$4,550.00. This includes Lodging, all books, manuals and uniform shirts. **To register, fill out a registration application and submit it and at least the \$400 deposit. This will lock you into the next TFA class.** TFA courses are generally offered in ***February, April, July and October*** of each year. **Tuition discounts are available for those who qualify (Call for info)!** The TFA course is available with or without lodging & accommodations are Sunday through Thursday night (at double occupancy).

***Contact us TODAY to start your exciting and rewarding career in ACC field!***