

**Training Opportunity
Animal Control/Animal Cruelty Investigator Course**

You are invited to attend this course to certify animal control officers and animal cruelty investigators in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

When: **January 25-30, 2016**
 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Where: **Interamerican University, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico (San Juan area)**

Who should attend: **Municipal Officials, Animal Control Officers, Emergency Management Personnel, Animal Rescuers, Police, Prosecutors, Anyone Interested In Animal Welfare or Law Enforcement.**

This training is designed to meet the specific needs of Puerto Rico in addressing the concerns of animal control and animal welfare. The course will be conducted in Spanish by prominent experts from Puerto Rico and the United States, including Dr. Carlos Carazo, Lcda. Cindy A. Badano Rosado, Maritza Rodrigues, OECA Director Wilma Rivera, Ernesto Marquez, Adri Galler-Laster, Susan Soltero of Univision, ACO Michael Melchionne, and investigator Timoteo Vasquez.

Upon course completion, you will earn certification from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Department of Health, Interamerican University, and Career Development Institute.

The course will include:

- Puerto Rican statutes and rules governing rabies and control of domestic animals, animal cruelty laws and municipal responsibility for animal control.
- The role of an animal control officer including extent and limits of authority, educational responsibility, interaction with other agencies, transport of animals, community and media relations.
- Animal behavior and breed recognition, strategies for dealing with cats, dogs, exotic species, rodents and mongoose.
- Animal control center operations, model standards, adoption policies, humane euthanasia and reporting and disposal requirements.
- Shelter operations.
- Handling wildlife.
- The court system and procedures.
- Investigation including investigative techniques, identifying animal cruelty, observation and perception, identifying, collecting and preserving evidence, search of buildings and areas, note taking and investigative report writing, verbal and non-verbal communication, interviewing techniques and principles of courtroom testimony.
- Training and demonstration in the use of animal control equipment including rabies control poles, nets, humane traps, cat graspers and bite sticks.
- Recognition and control and prevention of rabies and other zoonotic diseases.

Cost for registration on or before January 6 - \$495

Cost for registration on or after January 13 - \$525

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