



# Handling Animals (Animal Response & Handling) for Law Enforcement Officers

## Somerset County Police Academy

March 16, 2018



Police Officers encounter domestic animals including dogs in the course of their normal investigative and response activities.

Changes brought about by the new animal cruelty law increase the responsibility for the investigating of animal cruelty on municipal police departments.

It is estimated that 47% of the 3.5 million households in NJ have an animal within their homes. Each year police departments receive unwanted criticism for shooting a domestic pet. The Department of Justice estimates that 25 pet dogs are shot every day by law enforcement across the United States of America.

Police Officers sustain bites that might be avoided with a better understanding of animal behavior.

Police officers need to know what these animal are telling them by their behavior and how to respond to them safely.

This course will help you understand domestic animal behavior and how to respond appropriately.

The course will cover the following topics:

- Where do animals fit in the family hierarchy and public perception
- Dog and Cat behavior in stressful situations
- Communication techniques with animals as well as their owners
- Equipment needed and it's use to de-escalate situations
- Safe capture techniques
- Animal Aggression (why animals lash out and bite)
- Animal Safe Transport
- Dealing with Injured or Sick animals
- Wildlife encounters
- Non-lethal versus lethal approach
- Resources available for assistance
- Techniques for dealing effectively with public scrutiny

The course will be held at the Somerset County Police Academy located at the Somerset County Emergency Services Training Academy, 402 Roycefield Rd. behind the Somerset County South County Garage in Hillsborough, NJ. 08844. It will run from 8:30AM until 1:00PM and is offered on Friday, March 16. The cost of the course is \$89.00 per person and is open to all law enforcement

Registration form can be found on line at:

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