BUILD YOUR ACO SKILLS WITH FIELD TESTED KNOWLEDGE.

Invest in your future by earning your ACO II Certification

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OUR MISSION

The National Animal Care and Control Association (NACA) is the leading professional association committed to growing the level of professionalism in the field on Animal Care and Control.

As part of our mission, we are committed to offering working Animal Care professionals the education they need to grow in fulfilling, mission-driven careers that serve both their communities and the animals they care about.

NACA ACO II COURSE

Designed for the Busy Working Professional

Why pursue NACA Certification?

COMPLIMENTS LOCAL REQUIREMENTS
If your state already has a state-issued certification requirement, a NACA Certification is a nice complement to your local requirements, and could serve as fulfillment of CEU requirements.

BUILDS ON GROWTH
Even if your state does not require any form of certification, a NACA Certification can provide you a foundation of knowledge – and “fill in the gaps.”

PROFESSIONAL INVESTMENT
If you’re building your resume in preparation for future career advancement, a NACA Certification can be proof that you are committed to growing in your professional skills and knowledge.
COMPREHENSIVE COURSE CONTENT

Your online ACO II Training and Certification Course is filled with more than 20 hours of instruction, activities and exercises designed to help you grow and succeed in your role.

- **LAW ENFORCEMENT CANINE ENCOUNTERS**
  
  Led by renown expert, Jim Crosby, this canine encounters program provides over 6 hours of deep-dive instruction about the safe and successful navigation of the most commonly experienced dog encounters that ACOs face.

- **ANIMAL FIGHTING**
  
  Taught by experienced investigators and prosecutors in the field, the Animal Fighting portion of the ACO II program includes over 6 hours of practical instruction covering both cock fighting and dog fighting investigation and prosecution.

- **DE-ESCALATION**
  
  Taught by Licensed Psychologist Dr. Kimberly Miller and Denise Beagley, Manager of Clinical Initiatives & Training at the Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy at Arizona State University, these lessons will help your officers learn how to de-escalate situations.

- **ANIMAL HOARDING**
  
  Animal hoarding is more than just an animal cruelty case. It reveals a community member who is disturbed and deeply in need of assistance. These two lessons discuss what animal hoarding is in both legal and psychological terms, the investigation and intervention of the case, as well as potential and appropriate remedies.

- **LARGE ANIMALS INVESTIGATIONS**
  
  Large animal investigations are unique and as diverse as the large animal/farm animal realm itself. These lessons will begin your exploration of large animals – specifically horses and other farm animals – and provide an orientation for investigations into large animal cruelty or neglect cases.

- **FIELD & FORENSICS**
  
  ACOs often find themselves routinely conducting inspections as part of a myriad of different types of cases. This section will explore how to go through the inspection process, along with helpful tips and tricks to make your job a little easier.

—Chris

All around, great information for a topic that is prevalent, yet there are not a lot of resources for.
WHAT’S INCLUDED

The NACA ACO II online training course is designed specifically for working adults in the Animal Care/Control profession.

Most lessons start with an overview introductory page that outlines what will be covered in the course.

A video lesson begins the course.

Learning is reinforced with reviews, interactive exercises and memorable quotes.

Courses often include inset boxes to help you connect the dots between the various lessons you are taking, and helpful “Pro Tips” from instructors.

Throughout the course, we share reminders to apply what you’re learning to your own agency.

As an added bonus, additional resources will be included such as white papers or other related webinars listed – in case you would like to dive deeper into a given topic.

Also included are “Knowledge Checks” along the way to help reinforce what you need to know for each lesson’s final quiz (5-10 questions). These questions also help you to prepare for your end-of-course final certification exam.

“As a six-year equine cruelty investigator, in Illinois where livestock does not fall under companion animal humane laws, the information on cattle BCS was incredibly helpful to me . . . Audra is a great speaker, and very professional.”

—Jenne
YOUR INSTRUCTORS

Course instructors include investigators, prosecutors, NACA Board Members, and a range of Animal Control Professionals from across the US that share their first-hand experience and expertise to help you be successful.

- Dr. Josh Fisher, NACA President

*Not pictured: Audra Houghton, Humane Society of the United States

"Our instructors are folks who have been there. They’ve seen what ACOs and those in Law Enforcement are facing and are able to help prepare you to be successful in your career."
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION
When you complete the entire course (i.e.: required End of Lesson quizzes, homework) and attain an 80% or higher on the final exam, you will receive a NACA ACO Certificate. This Certificate is often used by animal welfare professionals to demonstrate knowledge, inclusion in job applications, promotions etc.

The NACA ACO certificate is a minimum requirement for new ACOs in several jurisdictions. Please verify with your local POST or other ACO credentialing organization to see if the NACA Certification can be used for your credentialing, promotion processes, or continuing education units (CEUs).

AVAILABLE DISCOUNTS
- 10-Seat Bulk Purchase: $1,995
- NACA Members: $100 discount
- ACO I Graduate: $50 discount (can be combined with NACA Membership)

Please contact aaron@justiceclearinghouse.com for details.

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Each lesson is “bite sized” just so you can do a little bit each day in order make progress towards your goals!
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