

# Animal Cruelty Symposium for Humane Society Staff and Law Enforcement Officers

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**Friday, August 17, 2007**

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA



## Overview

This workshop will provide humane society police officers, humane society/SPCA staff, and law enforcement officers an overview of the animal cruelty laws specific to Pennsylvania, examine the link between animal cruelty and human violence and the occurrences of animal hoarding and dogfighting. Helpful information will be provided as well on preventing dog bite injuries and what to look for when investigating cases of animal cruelty.

## Target Audience

- Law Enforcement Officers
- Humane Society Police Officers
- Humane Society/SPCA Staff

## Schedule of Events

8:00–8:45 am	Registration
8:45–9:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:15–10:10 am	Animal Cruelty and Human Violence: Making the Connection— <i>Randall Lockwood, PhD</i>
10:10–10:25 am	Break/View Pit Bulls from the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area
10:30–11:25 am	Animal Cruelty Laws in Pennsylvania— <i>Stacy Wolf, Esq.</i>
11:35 am–12:30 pm	Investigating and Prosecuting Dogfighting Cases— <i>Debbie Jugan, Esq.</i>
12:35–1:35 pm	Networking Lunch (provided)
1:40–2:35 pm	Animal Hoarding: A Challenge for Animal Care and Mental Health Professionals— <i>Randall Lockwood, PhD</i>
2:40–3:35 pm	Dog Bite Prevention for Law Enforcement and Other First Responders— <i>Randall Lockwood, PhD</i>

3:35–3:50 pm

Break

3:55–4:50 pm

Investigating and Prosecuting Animal Cruelty Cases—*Debbie Jugan, Esq.*

4:50 pm

Adjourn

## Faculty



### Randall Lockwood, PhD

Senior Vice President, Anti-cruelty Initiatives and Legislative Service, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Falls Church, VA

### Stacy Wolf, Esq.

Senior Director, Legislative Services and Anti-Cruelty Training, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Croppseyville, NY

### Deborah Jugan, Esq.

Office of the Allegheny County District Attorney, Pittsburgh, PA

## Selected Abstracts

### Animal Cruelty and Human Violence: Making the Connection

This presentation will explore the expanding roles being played by humane societies and animal care and control agencies in working within their communities to address the connections between cruelty to animals and child abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse and other forms of societal and family violence. We will provide background on these issues and review examples of effective collaborations between animal, human service and law-enforcement agencies.

## Animal Hoarding: A Challenge for Animal Care and Mental Health Professionals

At least 700 new cases of animal hoarding or "collecting" are reported each year. Such cases can seriously strain the resources of local agencies, who must respond rapidly to a variety of human and animal needs. This presentation will review the common characteristics of such cases and current efforts to address this problem. We will outline recommendations for a community-based response that promotes coordination of adult protective services, health departments, animal protection agencies, veterinarians, housing authorities, law enforcement and others.

## Dog Bite Prevention for Law Enforcement and Other First Responders

Most dog bites can be avoided with careful preparation and attention to canine behavior. We will review the basics of canine communication and the most common scenarios involved in dog attacks. We will discuss the range of tools, techniques and equipment that can be used to repel or safely handle aggressive animals.

## Animal Cruelty: The Law in Pennsylvania

This presentation is designed to help law enforcement avoid the pitfalls encountered when evidence is living, breathing and changes over time. Topics covered include: major provisions of Pennsylvania cruelty and fighting laws, assisting prosecutors in establishing requisite elements of the offense, working with veterinarians and bringing the full range of appropriate charges.

## Registration Fees

### Before August 10

\$80.00 Law Enforcement Officers and Humane Society Police Officers and Humane Society/SPCA Staff of a Federated Humane Society of Pennsylvania Member Organization

\$95.00 Humane Society Police Officer(s) and Humane Society/SPCA Staff of a Non-Member Federated Humane Society of Pennsylvania Organization

### Onsite Registration

\$90.00 Law Enforcement Officers and Humane Society Police Officers and Humane Society/SPCA Staff of a Federated Humane Society of Pennsylvania Member Organization

\$105.00 Humane Society Police Officers and Humane Society/SPCA Staff of a Non-Member Federated Humane Society of Pennsylvania Organization

Included in your registration is the following:

- Continental breakfast
- Breaks
- Lunch
- Speaker handouts

## SPECIAL INCENTIVE

Member organizations of the Federated Humane Societies of Pennsylvania which send their Humane Society Police Officer are eligible for reimbursement of registration fee expenses for one police officer. Following the meeting, PVMA will forward the list of eligible Humane Society Police Officers to the Federated Humane Societies of Pennsylvania to distribute reimbursements.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Registrant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Shelter/Office/District \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:

- Humane Society Police Officer of a Member Organization of the Federated Humane Societies of Pennsylvania
- Humane Society Police Officer of a Non-Member Organization of the Federated Humane Societies of Pennsylvania
- Police Officer
- Shelter Staff
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to "PVMA"

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