

# Animal Control News

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## A Word from the President

What is the one thing that animal control programs throughout Illinois have struggled to find enough of for years? I know, "That's easy, it's money". Sure, we all struggle to obtain enough money for operations, facilities and equipment, and training. Training our staff often falls to the bottom of the list of needs and priorities.

Training may be the easiest and most economical way to improve our programs. When we formed CACI, training was near the top of our priority list. Today, we have the foundation of a strong, affordable training program that we can provide to you. Our training program adequately supplements your own while providing ongoing opportunities for you and your staff.

Our one day trainings have proven to be very popular. We offer a wide variety of topics in various locations. In the future, we plan to make even more training available. We know that mileage, meals and overnight stays will eat through a budget line item faster than anything – so we move our programs around the state. If you want to host a training session, let us know, and we will do everything we can to bring training to your area. **Remember, CACI members ALWAYS receive a discounted registration rate for training we sponsor.** We extend that discount to municipal agencies from a member County.

And, let us know what you want in training. We are always looking for applicable topics. We want to bring the training to you that you need and desire. If you have a particular topic you would like us to include in our training, let us know. With many areas of expertise within our ranks, we can address most any topic or find the right people for the job. Our upcoming S.T.O.R.M. training is a good example of that.

Look for e-mail updates and be sure to check our website from time to time for a comprehensive listing of training available from CACI and other organizations.

**Greg Largent, Sangamon County Animal Control**

## Annual Meeting-Board Meeting

CACI held the 2008 Annual Meeting in conjunction with the second quarterly board of directors meeting on May 9, 2008, in Peoria. The group discussed the following items and took this action:

Approved the **Treasurer's Report.**

Approved the **Membership Report.** The membership committee reported 57 members with several new ones this year. The board will divide up those that did not renew and contact them. Stephanie Joos will create a survey to submit to County Board Chairman. Gary Longanecker and Stephanie Joos were added to the Membership Committee.

Approved the **PR/Communication Report.** Gary Longanecker offered to use his IT department to update the website. The page will be revised and updated with newsletters, training opportunities, and other news.

Approved the **Legislative and Government Affairs Report.** The board approved a motion to oppose HB 4844 amending the Euthanasia in Animal Shelters Act if the proposed bill contains the language requiring re-certification of euthanasia technicians every five years or a sunset clause. Other bills of interest included HB 4857; HB 5543; HB 5569; SB 2157; and SB2851.

Approved **Training Report.** Upcoming training includes STORM on June 25 in Bloomington. The committee plans another STORM training later in the year, a Chemical Capture training, and a repeat of Animal Control Basics. The Committee also reported other training throughout Illinois – the Prairie States Conference in Rockford, June 9 and 10; Euthanasia By Injection workshop in Chicago, June 16 and 17; Adoption Options in Peoria, August 3; Shelter Operations School in Peoria, September 22 and 23; and Shelter Operations School for Managers in Peoria, September 24 and 25.

If you're interested in board membership, please contact any board member. Guests are welcome at CACI board meetings. If you'd like to attend, contact the secretary, Buzie Bertagnolli, for information.

## Job Posting

### Animal Control Officer

Kankakee County Animal Control is currently accepting applications for Animal Control Officer. This position performs responsible work in the enforcement of County Animal Control ordinances and the Illinois Animal Control Act. For a detailed job description, go to [www.k3doghouse.net](http://www.k3doghouse.net). Starting salary: \$10/hour. For more information, contact Julie Boudreau at [jboudreau@k3county.net](mailto:jboudreau@k3county.net).

### Animal Control Officer

City of Peoria is currently accepting applications for Animal Control Officer. This position performs responsible work in the enforcement of the City of Peoria and Peoria County ordinances as well as the Illinois Animal Control Act. For a detailed job description, go to [www.ci.peoria.il.us](http://www.ci.peoria.il.us) and visit the Human Resources Department.

### Watch our Website!

We're updating the website with a new look and more information. We expect to have helpful templates, upcoming events and training opportunities, past newsletters, and all types of great stuff for those in animal control.

Look at [www.cacillinois.org](http://www.cacillinois.org) soon for a suggested template for animal bite reports, samples of dangerous dog letters and notifications, registration materials for upcoming training, a current membership list, and even more.

### It's Not Too Late to Register!

Join us at our **S.T.O.R.M. – Safe Tactics and Officer Response Maneuvers** – on June 25 in Bloomington. Presenters Colin Kvooll and Frank Ingardona specially designed this workshop for animal control in Illinois and will cover the use of force, pepper spray and batons, interviewing techniques, and more. You can register for \$45 which includes lunch (\$35 if you're a CACI member). Come and learn professional techniques you can use every day.

For more information, contact Lauren Malmberg at 309-494-8911 or [LMalmberg@ci.peoria.il.us](mailto:LMalmberg@ci.peoria.il.us).

## Board of Directors

*Please contact any board member with a question, concern, suggestion, or comment.*

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### Officers:

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### Directors:

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### Mission Statement

*County Animal Controls of Illinois represents animal control agencies throughout the State of Illinois. CACI pledges to influence companion animal legislation in order to assure public health and safety for all citizens, develop and implement professional training standards for animal control personnel, and provide educational information.*

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