IOWA C.A.R.E.S:

Animal Cruelty Investigation Workshop

Comprehensive Animal Cruelty Response, Education and Support



Day 1: October 3 (9:00 am - 5:00 pm)	
ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Breakfast & Introductions	
Key Note	Wayne County Sheriff Keith Davis
Complaint to Law Enforcement	Attendees will walk through response options to an animal-related complaint made to a local sheriff's office.
Property Visit	Attendees will conduct a virtual property visit where they will make observations and interview witnesses regarding the animal-related complaint.
Post-Visit Overview	Based upon the information gathered in the prior sessions, attendees will discuss best steps to address the concerns observed, including identifying and securing necessary resources.
Breakout Sessions	Law enforcement will write a comprehensive report based on the observations obtained during the visit to the property.
	Veterinarians will learn about the veterinarian's' role in a criminal investigation and how to document for seizure.
	Shelter and Rescue professionals will learn about the steps necessary when planning for the transport and housing of animals removed from a crime scene.
Day 2: October 4 (9:00 am - 5:00 pm)	
Breakfast & Introductions	
Pre-Operation Briefing	Attendees will prepare for a search of the property and seizure of the animals and will be led in a pre-warrant briefing before breaking out into groups for hands-on demonstrations.
Breakout Session One	Veterinarians and law enforcement will identify and process evidence in a mock crime scene.
	Shelter and rescue professionals will learn how to plan for a large-scale animal intake, with a focus on managing medical and behavioral care as well as placement of animals from criminal cases.
Breakout Session Two	Law enforcement will learn how best to process animals on scene and ensure safe and humane removal and transport.
	Veterinarians will learn how to conduct a forensic exam and ensure proper follow up care, including how to preparing reports for court.
	Shelter and Rescue professionals will continue the teachings from Breakout session one.
Dispositional Proceedings and Criminal Charging	Attendees will learn about critical considerations relating to legal disposition and criminal charging.
Testimony Workshop	Attendees will engage in a mock cross examination based upon the scenario set forth throughout the course of the training.
Leveraging Cases for Change	Attendees will discuss how best to message animal related cases to advocate for resources, policy and legal changes, and create community awareness to identify and prevent cruelty before it begins.
Wrap up and Takeaways	