

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS COURSE**  
**April 9-April 17, 2012**  
**Raritan Valley Community College**

**Monday April 9, 2012**

**Instructor: ACI Michael Melchionne**  
**8:30-4:30**

*New Jersey statutes and rules governing rabies and the control of domestic animal, wildlife control, wildlife protection, and enforcement*

Understanding statutes, the administrative code and local ordinances and how to read and use them.

N.J.S.A. Title 4 Including case studies of animal cruelty

N.J.A.C. 8

N.J.S.A. Titles 26 and 23

Common laws relating to wildlife

Role and authority of an Animal Control Officer

    Extent and limits of authority

    Educational Responsibilities

    Interaction with other agencies including DYFS, Police, Social

        Services, Department of Agriculture Department of

Environmental      Protection, Fish and Wildlife, and SPCA

Role and authority of an Animal Cruelty Investigator

Authority of the ACO and ACI for wildlife enforcement and disposition

NJDHSS

**Tuesday April 10, 2012**

**Instructor: ACI Michael Melchionne**

**8:30-4:30**

*Principles and procedures for the capture and handling of stray domestic animals and wildlife continued*

Animal Behavior and breed recognition

Cats

Dogs

Exotic species

Bats

Rodents

Other

Equipment use demonstration and practical exercises

Rabies control poles

Cat graspers

Snake tongs

Snake hooks

Leaches

Nets

Humane traps

Bite sleeve

Safety gloves

Latex gloves

Bite sticks

**Wednesday April 11, 2012**

**Instructor: Heather Cammisa**

**8:30-4:30**

*Shelter operations, adoption, and humane euthanasia*

Shelter standards and enforcement responsibilities

Adoption policies

Euthanasia

Who can do it?

How?

Under what circumstances

Reporting requirements

Disposal requirements

**Thursday April 12, 2012**

**Instructor: Dr. Colin Campbell**

**8:30-4:30**

*Animal disease recognition and prevention*

Rabies prevention and recognition, signs and symptoms

Infectious and Zoonotic disease programs-NJDHSS

Signs symptoms and prevention of

Distemper

Parvo

Leptospirosis

West Nile Virus

Ringworm

Mange

Lyme disease

Hot Spots

Other

Transmission factors

Proper cleaning of cages, vehicles and equipment

Separation of potentially ill animals

Proper protective equipment

Immunizations

**Friday April 13, 2012**

**Instructor: Dr. Anne Pierok**  
**8:30-10:30**

Department of Agriculture and the ACO

**Instructor: John Saccenti**  
**10:30-4:30**

Community Relations  
Communications skills

*Cruelty documentation, evidence and courtroom procedures*

NJ court system and procedures

Identifying and collecting evidence

Principles of investigative report writing with a sample report

Principles of courtroom testimony

News-media relations

**Monday April 16, 2012**

**Instructor Marjorie Ford**  
**8:30-2:30**

*Principles and procedures for the capture and handling of stray domestic animals and wildlife.*

Wildlife Issues

Handling orphaned abandoned or injured wildlife

Disposition of injured, healthy or dead wildlife

Responsibilities and authority of an ACO in wildlife enforcement and assistance  
Resources available to the ACO  
Handling and disposition of protected species

Transportation of domestic animals and wildlife  
How, when, and to where

**Instructor: ACI Willie Cirone**

**2:30-4:30**

Certified National Incident Management System 100 and 700

**Tuesday April 17, 2012**

**Instructor: Inv. Tim Vasquez**

**8:30-10:30**

*Principles and procedures for the capture and handling of stray domestic animals and wildlife*

Officer Safety  
Familiarization with effects of O C Spray  
Basic concepts of unarmed defense  
Traffic safety

**Instructor: Barbara Aras/ Maryann Ferrara**

**10:30-3:30**

*First aid for injured animals*

Red Cross Certification Course

**3:30-4:30**

Class Evaluation and Graduation