# **Basic Course Chapters**

Animal control officers (ACOs) taking the exam for the basic training course are responsible for knowing the information in all basic course chapters and the laws.

#### Introduction

History of Animal Control
Objectives of Animal Control
Philosophy of Professionalism
Training Requirement

#### **Animal Identification**

Introduction
Identification of Canines
Identification of Felines
Identification of Wildlife

# **Animal Capture and Handling**

Introduction
Equipment\*
Muzzling
Pursuit
Territory
Behavior
Wildlife

## **Animal Transportation**

Vehicle Standards
Equipment
Loading Procedures
Unloading Procedures

# **Animal Impoundment**

Shelter Facilities
Laws Regulating Animal Shelters
Shelter Standards for Care and Control
Shelter Operations and Administration
Humane Care and Treatment
Rabies Quarantine

<sup>\*</sup> Includes principles and procedures pertaining to bite sticks

# **Disposition of Animals**

Introduction

Reclamation

Adoption and Sterilization

Euthanasia

Carcass Disposal

#### **Controlled Substances**

State and Federal Laws Relating to Controlled Substances and

Other Medications

**Drugs Used in Animal Shelters** 

**Acquiring Controlled Substances** 

Record Keeping of Controlled Substances

Storage and Security of Controlled Substances

# **Shelter Safety**

Working Safely with Chemicals and Pesticides

How to Avoid Disease and Injury

First Aid

Physical Fitness and Stress Reduction

## Sanitation

Introduction

Personal Hygiene

Cleaning and Disease Control

Disinfectants

Deodorizers

**Equipment and Vehicles** 

Summary

#### **Animal Health**

Sanitation and Hygiene

Disease Transmission and Prevention

Animal Disease Recognition

Animal Injuries and First Aid

**Animal Reproduction** 

#### Rabies

Introduction

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Animals That Contract Rabies Clinical Signs of Rabies Rabies Treatment Rabies Seasons and Cycles Animal Bites Rabies Quarantine

## Records

Introduction
Different Kinds of Records
Examples of Records

### **Communication Skills**

Public Relations Citizen Contact Personnel Relations Related Agencies

#### **Court Conduct**

Citations
Professional Behavior
Courtroom Procedures

# **Animal Cruelty Investigations**

Introduction
Classifications and Types of Cruelty
Dealing With Violators
Basic Investigation Techniques
Evidence and Documentation
Seizure of Animals
Safety During Raids

# Texas Laws\*\*

Direct inquiries about law updates to your Regional Texas Department of State Health Services' Zoonosis Control Program to confirm that you have

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the current version of each law.

# Texas Health and Safety Codes and Texas Administrative Codes (TAC) (Rules)

**Chapter 821** Treatment and Disposition of Animals

TAC Chapter 169 Standards for Allowable Methods of

Euthanasia for Animals in the Custody of an Animal Shelter

Chapter 822 Regulation of Animals

**TAC** Chapter 169 Caging Requirements and Standards for

**Dangerous Wild Animals** 

Chapter 823 Animal Shelters

Chapter 826 Rabies Control Act

TAC Chapter 169 Rabies Control and Eradication

**Chapter 828** Dog and Cat Sterilization

TAC Chapter 169 Dog and Cat Sterilization

TAC Chapter 573 Sterilization of Animals from Releasing

Agencies (TBVME Rules) (includes microchips/tattoos)

Chapter 829 Animal Control Officer Training

## **Penal Codes**

Chapter 42 Disorderly Conduct and Related Offenses

42.09 Cruelty to Livestock Animals42.091 Attack on Assistance Animal42.092 Cruelty to Nonlivestock Animals

**42.10** Dog Fighting **42.105** Cockfighting

# **Miscellaneous Texas Laws Pertaining to Animal Control**

**Family Code** Section 54.0407 Cruelty to Animals: Counseling Required

**Occupations** Section 801.3585 Liability for Reporting Animal Cruelty;

<sup>\*\*</sup> Please note that during the 78<sup>th</sup> (2003) legislative session, House Bill 2292 amended Chapter 531 of the Government Code to include a name change of the Texas Department of Health to the Department of State Health Services. Texas laws are undergoing a transition period; therefore, some laws still refer to terminology used under the purview of the Texas Department of Health.

Code **Immunity** 

**Occupations** 

Code

Section 1702.283 Cruelty to Animals

Procedure

Code of Criminal Article 42.12 Basic Conditions of Community Supervision

(Judgment and Sentence)

**Family Code** Section 85.021 Requirements of Order Applying to any

Party

**Section 85.022** Requirements of Order Applying to Person

Who Committed Family Violence

**Penal Code** Section 25.07 Violation of Certain Court Orders or

Conditions of Bond in a Family Violence Case

Government

Code

Section 29.003 Jurisdiction

Code of Criminal

Procedure

Article 4.14 Jurisdiction of Municipal Court

**Transportation** 

Code

**Section 285.001** Regulation of Roadside Vendor

and Solicitor

Civil Practice and Section 92.001-004 Limitation of Liability for Person Remedies Code

**Assisting Certain Animals** 

Government

Section 418.043 Other Powers and Duties

Code (Emergency Management)

**Penal Code Section 38.15** Interference With Public Duties

**Section 38.151** Interference With Police Service Animals

Penal Code **Section 46.15** Nonapplicability (Weapons)

Parks and Wildlife Code Section 1.101 Definitions

**Chapter 63** Game and Nongame Animals

Sections 43.851-856 Nonindigenous Snake Permit

Health and Safety Code Sections 81.351-353 Animal-borne Diseases

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TAC Chapter 169 Reptile-Associated Salmonellosis

Agriculture Code

**Chapter 142** Estrays

Occupations Chapter 2152 Regulation of Circuses, Carnivals,

Code and Zoos

TAC Chapter 169 Care of Animals by Circuses, Carnivals,

and Zoos

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Text for the codes included in this manual is available online (refer to sites listed below).

Statutes are located at http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/.

Texas Administrative Codes are located at http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/.

Occupations Code, Chapter 802, Dog or Cat Breeders, was added during the 82<sup>nd</sup> legislative session (HB 1451) and was effective as of June 17, 2011. This statute, which contains information about licensure of dog or cat breeders as defined in Chapter 802 and designation of third-party inspectors, also can be accessed at the sites listed above or by contacting the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation at http://www.license.state.tx.us/.

# **Glossary**

All underlined terms throughout the text are defined in the glossary.

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