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Illegal Animal Fighting Investigations Training Details

Training Description

In recent years, we have seen an increase in animal fighting, both in urban settings and in rural areas. To combat this trend, Humane Society University provides this valuable training to law enforcement, criminal justice, and animal care professionals. Our instructors are well-seasoned, highly experienced, and dedicated individuals who will provide a wealth of information to help you win the war against illegal animal fighting in your community. Participants will learn the history, motivations, paraphernalia involved in illegal animal fighting as well as conduct interrogations when illegal animal fighting is suspected.

Additionally, the agenda for this day long illegal animal fighting investigations training includes:

- History of animal fighting
- Instruction on the categories of animal fighting
- Review of animal fighting paraphernalia
- Matters concerning search warrants, performing investigations, and recognizing and logging evidence at an arrest or raid
- Disposition of confiscated animals
- Dealing with the media
- Preparing a case for court
- Recognizing street fighting and the best means for making an arrest
- Animal fighting's connection to other felony crimes
- Knowing, interpreting, and applying the law

Instructors

Sergeant David R. Hunt, Special Investigations Unit Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Columbus, Ohio

As a Deputy Sheriff for Franklin County for 26 years, David Hunt has developed areas of expertise including narcotics, gambling, and dogfighting. For the past 15 years, he has been assigned as a detective then supervisor within the Special Investigations Unit conducting vice, narcotics, and intelligence investigations.

Since February 2002, Sgt. Hunt has been the lead detective for all dogfighting investigations conducted by the Sheriff's Office and is a court recognized expert in dogfighting. A member of the National Illegal Animal Fighting Task Force, Sgt. Hunt has conducted dogfighting training for law enforcement across the U.S. and has been published by law enforcement publications such as The Buckeye Sheriff and the F.B.I. National Academy Associate. The Buckeye State Sheriff's Association presented Sgt. Hunt with a citation award in December 2003 in recognition for a multi-state dogfighting investigation leading to numerous arrests. From 2006-2007, Sgt. Hunt was part of the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission task force based in Dayton, Ohio that targeted dogfighting in southwestern Ohio.

Sgt. Hunt is a state certified instructor through the Ohio Peace Officers Training Council. He is a member of the National Illegal Animal Fighting Task Force, Eastern State's Vice Investigators Association (ESVIA), International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association (INEOA), Narcotics Association of Regional Coordinating Officers (NARCO), and American Society for Law Enforcement Training (ASLET).

John Goodwin, Manager, Animal Fighting Issues The Humane Society of the United States

John Goodwin is the deputy manager of the Animal Cruelty Campaign. He is a nationally recognized expert on animal fighting issues, who has been involved in the passage of both state and federal legislation to curb animal fighting. Goodwin's investigative efforts have led to the arrests of hundreds of individuals involved in illegal animal fighting rings.

With nearly 20 years of experience in the field of animal protection, Mr. Goodwin has assisted multiple state law enforcement agencies and the FBI in raids and confiscations related to illegal dog and cock fighting. Additionally, he has helped to manage campaigns to pass or defeat animal-related ballot initiatives in several southern and western states during his tenure with The Humane Society of the United States.

Mr. Goodwin has been quoted in numerous newspapers on animal fighting issues and has appeared in over one hundred news broadcasts, radio interviews and televised debates regarding animal protection issues. Press includes CNN, Inside Edition, FOX News and the op-ed page of numerous newspapers including the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

Instructors' Curricula Vitae available upon request.

Who Should Attend?

This course is not a general introduction to animal fighting and cruelty, and is geared specifically to legal investigations. **Due to the confidential nature of the material presented in the course, enrollment is restricted to law enforcement officers; prosecutors and judges; and animal control/humane investigators/veterinarians if employed or contracted with a government agency (sheriff's department, police department, health department, etc.).**

Costs and Expenses

Humane Society University generally uses registration fees to help cover our cost (instructor fees and travel expenses (airfare, hotel, miscellaneous travel cost such as taxis, shuttles, and meals) as well as student materials). HSU does not cover lunch, refreshment breaks, or any cost for the training room or A/V equipment. Below are the various options for covering the costs of the training:

1. **Hosting Agency Flat Rate/No Student Registration Fee:**
\$1600 plus \$7 per student
2. **Low Student Registration Fee/Back-up Hosting Agency Matching:**
The student registration fee is set at rate determined by the hosting agency (ex. \$25). The hosting agency would match the difference between the actual cost of the training and the income gained by HSU through the registration fees. An invoice would be sent to the hosting agency following the completion of the training.
3. **Student Registration fees only/No Hosting Flat Rate:**
HSU sets registration fees based on our average class size of 35 students. With no sponsorship, the registration fee for this training would be \$55 per student.

We also recommend considering financial sponsorship from other sources or organizations. Many hosting agencies are able to find sponsors for the refreshment breaks, lunch, or to go towards the general expenses for the training. If you are able to recruit sponsorship for this training, HSU will include the name or logo of the sponsor with the promotional material if time allows.

Registrations

Humane Society University manages online registrations. Students may also print a brochure from the website and pay by mail (check or charge) or fax (charge only), in addition to online registration with charge card.

Cancellations:

- **By HSU or HSUS:** If the course is cancelled by The HSUS, all tuition, flat rate fees, or sponsorship monies paid will be returned.
- **By the cosponsor:** If the course is cancelled by the cosponsor, the hosting agency shall reimburse HSU for all out of pocket and non-cancelable obligation relating to the cancelled training.

- **By Student:** If a student withdraws prior to the week of the training, the student will receive a 75% refund; within a week, no refund will be issued.

The Host Organization/ Co-sponsor

The host organization (or co-sponsor) can be any local organization involved in animal cruelty investigations sanctioned by a government agency, such as a government operated animal care and control center, police department, or private humane society working with or holding a county contract for humane investigations.

Requirements for a Training Facility

- If you expect attendees from outside your local area, the training facility should be convenient for air travel and near inexpensive hotels/residential facility (such as a dormitory, etc.). The local organization provides HSU with information about local accommodations as well as local travel information, parking, amenities, etc. to share with the instructor(s) and students. If a special hotel rate is able to be arranged by the cosponsor, please send a written copy of the rate agreement from the hotel to HSU.
- Meals are "on your own," so inexpensive restaurants should be nearby to accommodate different diets.
- The classroom should accommodate at least 40 people, with tables or student desks, so participants can have a place to write and still see the presentation. Tables are required so that students can work in small groups.
- The classroom should be protected from the elements (with heat or air conditioning as required) and have electricity for an LCD projector and possibly a VCR. A projection screen is needed, minimum 6' by 6', or larger depending on class size.
- The facility should include an area for refreshments, rest rooms, and parking.
- Finally, the classroom should be as free from distractions as possible such as barking dogs or other loud noises, ringing phones, high foot traffic area, or other interruptions.

AV Equipment Needed

This training requires the following equipment be available:

- Computer that will run PowerPoint presentations
- LCD Projector
- Screen
- DVD player with audio
- Flip chart with markers
- 2 8ft tables

Scheduling a training...

Approximately 4 months planning time is required to prepare and promote a workshop open to the public. Scheduling may also be affected by the overall schedule of HSU. It is possible to schedule private in-service workshops on a shorter time frame dependant the on overall scheduling availability of HSU.

Please complete the attached form titled "HSU Training Request Form."

INSTRUCTIONS for completing and submitting the above mentioned form: This is a Microsoft Word Form document. Simply click on the grey box and type in the requested information. Use your TAB key to move from one field to the next. The grey text box will expand to accommodate your information. For 'check box' items, simply click on the desired box. When finished, save the document. Send the completed form as an email attachment, or print and fax it Attn: HSU Training Manager.

Mailing Address:

Attn: Training Manager
Humane Society University
700 Professional Drive
Gaithersburg MD 20879

Fax number: 866-481-6912

A representative from the Humane Society University will contact you directly. Again, thank you for your interest. We look forward to working with you to make your training a success!