

LEVEL 1:
INTRODUCTION TO ANIMAL WELFARE
INVESTIGATIONS

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

8:30am to 4:30pm

Vermont Police Academy, Pittsford, VT

Tuition: \$19.00 (Includes materials and lunch)

The VVMA is pleased to sponsor VVMA member training through our Anna Worth Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Registration: Contact Linda Waite-Simpson ASAP to register (linda@vtvets.org/878-6888)

Length of course: 7 hours

This introductory workshop on investigating animal cruelty will cover all the basics of an investigation, including, but not limited to:

- A review of Vermont's criminal animal cruelty statute;
- The needed elements for a strong animal cruelty criminal investigation;
- Interview and interrogation techniques;
- Report writing;
- Using expert witnesses;
- Evidence collection;
- Search warrant procedure; and
- A review of resources available at the local, state and national level to assist in responding to incidents of animal cruelty.

This course will also review Vermont's Cruelty Response System (CRS) and the CRS web-based case management system, Animal Tracks. [The Vermont Animal Cruelty Response Coalition](#) and the CRS were formed to facilitate cross-agency collaboration and communication in order to more effectively respond to animal cruelty complaints, with an emphasis on accountability and follow up.

Directions to Vermont Police Academy

From Route 7 north in Pittsford: Turn left onto Furnace Road, slight left onto Sanitorium Road, and the VT Police Academy is located at 317 Academy Road.

LEVEL 2: ADVANCED ANIMAL WELFARE INVESTIGATIONS

Friday, September 6, 2019

8:30am to 4:30pm

Vermont Police Academy, Pittsford, VT

Tuition: \$19 (Includes materials and lunch)

The VVMA is pleased to sponsor VVMA member training through our Anna Worth Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Registration: Contact Linda Waite-Simpson ASAP to register (linda@vtvets.org/878-6888)

Length of course: 7 hours

To attend this class: You must have attended a prior workshop on investigating animal cruelty in Vermont --one that has been sponsored by the Vermont Humane Federation's Animal Cruelty Response Coalition or attended the Vermont Police Academy's "Introduction to Animal Welfare Investigations – Level I" (this class is being offered this year on September 4, 2019.)

This advanced workshop on animal cruelty investigations will focus on more specialized topics in animal cruelty investigation, including:

- The link between animal cruelty and human violence;
- Animal husbandry practices: walking the fine line between education and seizure;
- Working with the Agency of Agriculture on livestock complaints;
- Animal hoarding: handling large-scale animal cruelty investigations.; and
- Handling wildlife cruelty complaints.

Participants must bring their Animal Cruelty Investigator's Manual provided to participants of Level I.

Directions to Vermont Police Academy

From Route 7 north in Pittsford: Turn left onto Furnace Road, slight left onto Sanitorium Road, and the VT Police Academy is located at 317 Academy Road.

LEVEL 3: ANIMAL CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

**Friday, September 20, 2019
8:30am to 4:30pm
Forget-Me-Not Farm, Tinmouth, Vermont**

Tuition: \$19 (Includes materials and lunch)

The VVMA is pleased to sponsor VVMA member training through our Anna Worth Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Registration: Contact Linda Waite-Simpson ASAP to register (linda@vtvets.org/878-6888)

Length of course: 7 hours

To attend this class: You must have attended a Level I and Level II Animal Welfare Investigation course presented by the Vermont Humane Federation's Animal Cruelty Response Coalition. Level I is being offered September 4, 2019 and Level II is being offered September 6, 2019.

This hands-on workshop will build on the information presented during the Level I and Level II workshops, by having participants use the skills and techniques they learned in the classroom in a real-life setting. Forget-me-Not Farm will serve as the host for a mock "crime scene" involving large animals. Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Practice their interview techniques, report-writing and evidence gathering skills in a group setting;
- Become more comfortable with handling equines and equine cruelty investigations by approaching and leading live animals;
- Use body scoring techniques in order to assist in determining animal health.

Participants must bring their Animal Cruelty Investigator's Manual provided to participants of Level I.

Directions to Forget-Me-Not Farm, 12 McNamara Road, Tinmouth, VT:

From the North: Route 7 South to Wallingford VT. Take route 140 West (right turn) at the traffic light and follow 140 about 8 miles. Turn left on McNamara Road. Farm is first right [yellow house] up the hill.

From the South: Route 7 North to Wallingford, VT. Take route 140 West (left turn) at the traffic light. Follow 140 about 8 miles. Turn left on McNamara Road. Farm is first right [yellow house] up the hill.

LEVEL 4

FARM ANIMAL WELFARE INVESTIGATION

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

8:30am to 4:30pm

Shelburne Farms

Tuition: \$40 (Includes materials and lunch)

The VVMA is pleased to sponsor VVMA member training through our Anna Worth Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Registration: Contact Linda Waite-Simpson ASAP to register (linda@vtvets.org/878-6888)

Length of course: 7.5 hours

To attend this class: Space is limited. You must have attended a prior workshop on investigating animal cruelty in Vermont, sponsored by the Vermont Humane Federation's Animal Cruelty Response Coalition. Attendance of the Vermont Police Academy's "Introduction to Animal Welfare Investigation – Level I" (being offered September 4, 2019) meets this requirement.

This introductory and hands-on workshop will focus on some of the most common farm animals you might see during the course of an animal welfare investigation. Topics to be covered will include:

- The proper handling and housing of common farm animals;
- Best management practices;
- Body condition scoring (BCS), and
- Locomotion of farm animals.

In the morning there will be classroom time to learn basic skills and techniques on how to handle and work around cows, chickens, sheep and swine. You will then be provided an opportunity to apply these newly learned skills with the animals on the farm. Full participation is expected. Participants should be prepared to spend most of the day outside in any type of weather. Work/muck boots are recommended.

****Training is being held at the Shelburne Farms' "Coach Barn"** (1611 Harbor Road, Shelburne, VT (802) 985-8686). At the gate house of Shelburne Farms, tell the attendant that you are attending this training. Parking is behind the Farm Barn.