



HUMANE VOICE

"What Dogs Try to Tell Cops" Video

now available for NJ Police Departments

It is estimated that nearly 39% of American homes have at least one dog. Unfortunately, the inability to read dog behavior and preconceived notions about certain breeds leads to many needless shootings of dogs throughout the country. In an effort to give officers tools they may not otherwise receive to do their jobs safely, and to reduce the needless shooting of dogs, Police departments throughout Ocean County, New Jersey have received training materials on reading dog behavior.

A balanced video entitled "*What Dogs Try To Tell Cops*" produced by In the Line of Duty, addresses real threats to officer safety from trained attack dogs. The video also addresses the need to be able to read dog behavior, ways to prevent dog conflicts, ways to handle dog conflicts and discusses a force continuum so that shooting a canine is not the first option. The New Jersey Certified Animal Control Officers Association, working with the Jersey Shore Animal Center, the Humane Society of the United States Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, veterinarian Dr. Art Baeder, the AWFNJ and police training specialist John Saccenti of Career Development Institute, collaborated to develop a training module that was distributed by the Ocean County Prosecutors Office.

The impetus for the training came from a 2004 shooting of a family pet by a Human Services Police Officer during a routine DYFS inspection in Brick, New Jersey. The pet, "Roxy," had been put in the backyard, managed to escape and was running to the front door when she was shot several times. Children were home at the time. "Roxy" had never been picked up by animal control,

had no complaints filed and by all accounts was a good family pet and a good neighbor dog. The two police officers at the scene had many tools that could have been used to halt the dog including pepper spray, but no option other than shooting was chosen.

The "*What Dogs Try to Tell Cops*" training film shows actual footage of a high profile dog shooting case in Tennessee. The shooting happened as a result of mistaken identity and the Smoak family, whose dog was killed, later sued the State and appeared on *Good Morning America* and other television shows. Later, a law was passed in Tennessee requiring police training on dog behavior.

Interest in training the local law enforcement community was so strong that the Ocean County Prosecutor, Thomas Kelaher, personally taped an introduction to the training video. Police Officers train for 26 weeks at an academy level prior to becoming a police officer. Little to none of that training involves animals.

To order the "*What Dogs Try to Tell Cops*" Video, and to discuss customizing it for your community contact: In The Line of Duty (800)462-5232 or www.lineofduty.com

For further information about the NJ video contact:

Mike Melchionne - (609) 597-1000 or
Heather Cammisa - (732) 920-1600

Two other In the Line of Duty videos are available at reduced cost from the ASPCA:

Animal Abuse: Why Cops Can and Need to Stop It
Dogfighting: What Every Cop Should Know
Email: outreach@aspca.org



March 24 and 25, 2006 at the Sheraton Woodbridge, Iselin, NJ

View the brochure or register: www.awfnj.org

You are invited to join us for the AWFNJ's annual conference ... the largest regional animal welfare and care conference in the nation. The AWFNJ has gathered the best and brightest speakers from national and local organizations to share their knowledge and inspire you. Don't miss this opportunity to meet great sponsors and vendors and to network with others in the field. **HURRY! REGISTRATION CLOSES MARCH 15!**

Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch, Friday evening reception and entry into the exhibit hall.

OUR SPONSORS:

ASPCA, National Outreach ■ Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation
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Exhibit Hall: Fri. Noon - 8:30 pm Sat. 8 am to 2 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Coalition Building & Tracking Progress:

Tara Derby-Perrin, Philadelphia AC&C
Sandy Monterose, ASPCA

Maintaining the Health of Cats in the Shelter

Dr. Julie Dinnage, Massachusetts SPCA

Investigating Animal Cruelty & Officer Safety

Mark MacDonald, ASPCA

Effective Grantwriting for Nonprofits

Kit Jenkins, PetSmart Charities

Understanding Canine Communication

Emily Weiss, Ph.D., CAAB, ASPCA

The Role of Veterinarians in Reporting Animal Cruelty

Dr. Lila Miller, ASPCA

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

Managing Risk in Your Shelter

Lawrence Rosen, Esq., Rosen Weinhaus LLP

The Customer is Always Right ...Aren't They

Joanne Bourbeau, The HSUS

Decision Making for Field Officers

Michael Melchionne, NJ Certified ACO Association

Making TNR Work

Dr. Gordon Stull

Helping Your Community Think Adoption First™

Lynn Katz, Petfinder.com

Teachable Moments: Opening Windows of Opportunity

Jane Greco Deming,
Providence Animal Rescue League

Internet Marketing: Making Your Website Top Dog

Jayne Clark, Petfinder.com

Bleach & Beyond: Disinfection and Disease Control in the Shelter

Dr. Julie Dinnage, Massachusetts SPCA

Potentially Aggressive Dogs in the Field

Emily Weiss, Ph.D., CAAB, ASPCA

WELCOME RECEPTION & EXPO

Friday, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Registrants from both days are invited

AWFNJ ANNUAL MEETING: MARCH 25

REGISTRATION

In order to insure that we have appropriate space for each workshop, please indicate your preference for each session. SOME CLASSES ARE LIMITED and registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.



FRIDAY, March 24, 2006

9:00 a.m. – Noon

- Coalition Building and Tracking Progress
- or
- Maintaining the Health of Cats in the Shelter
- or
- Investigating Animal Cruelty and Officer Safety

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

- Effective Grantwriting for Nonprofits
- or
- Grrr or Woof... Understanding Canine Communication
- or
- The Role of the Veterinarian in Reporting Animal Cruelty

Registration is limited. One registration form per attendee. Registration form and payment must be completed and received by the AWFNJ no later than **Tuesday, March 15, 2006**. Due to space restrictions, limited registrations may be accepted at the door with a late fee (see below) if space allows. Payment must accompany registration.

SATURDAY, March 25, 2006

10:30 a.m. – Noon

- Managing Risk in Your Shelter
- or
- The Customer is Always Right ... Aren't They?
- or
- Decision Making for Field Officers

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

- Making TNR Work
- or
- Help your Community to Think Adoption First
- or
- Teachable Moments – Opening Windows of Opportunity

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

- Internet Marketing on Any Budget: Making your Website Top Dog
- or
- Bleach and Beyond: Disinfection and Disease Control in the Shelter
- or
- Go or No Go? Potentially Aggressive Dogs in the Field

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* REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

2006 PAID Voting member organizations are eligible for up to three \$5 discounts per organization per day; nonvoting organizations or individual members are eligible for one \$5 discount per day.

Membership renewals must be received by March 1, 2006 to qualify. Individual attendees paying full cost will be given membership for the balance of 2006.

If you are not sure of your membership status, please email conference@awfnj.org

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Additional registration forms may be downloaded in PDF format at www.awfnj.org, call 856-740-1344 or email conference@awfnj.org.

Hurricane Katrina and the Call to Action

The world changed again for animal welfare and care individuals in September of 2005. Faced with the overwhelming destruction wrought by Hurricane Katrina (and later Rita) in the Gulf Coast region of the United States, animal welfare agencies - and people who just plain old love animals - found themselves rushing to the cause of thousands of stranded animals. They faced a task of a magnitude they had probably never conceived.

Suddenly the United States was that ... people from every state united in the cause of helping the people and animals devastated by the storm. Support services for people - long established and organized - rushed into the devastated area. But what about the animals - dependent on humans who themselves were dependent on others for the basics of life - food, water, shelter, clothing. Like an unsounded trumpet, the word went out and animal lovers rushed in ... from the local animal shelter or foster based adoption agency, to animal control officers to trained emergency personnel and members of national organizations, they came; they called, phoned and emailed; they sent money and goods. To save animals. To help.

On behalf of the animals - and their owners - who were helped in the magnificent show of how much we value animals' contribution to our life, the AWFNJ would like to send our thanks to those who served. Whether they toiled long hot hours in Louisiana or Mississippi in the field and in the staging areas, or worked silently at their desks gathering resources, or reached out to the community for food drives, each did their part. Each saw a need and answered the call to action. It is impossible to put a number on how many people helped. There were millions of dollars donated. There were innumerable hours doing every possible task. We cannot identify and thank everyone.

Thank you



Petfinder.com thanks PETCO for their incredible help during the hurricane in this billboard. We add our thanks as well.

In this newsletter, the AWFNJ would like to spotlight a few of our members who worked in this noble effort.

Petfinder.com was an incredible resource - true to their mission - on the fly they developed a system to register the lost pets in order to help them to be reunited with their owners or to find a new home. There is no doubt that without Petfinder.com thousands of animals would not have made it home. In addition to the development of the lost pet database, Petfinder.com sent Kim Saunders (also the AWFNJ Vice President) to NOLA to help get it up and running.

AWFNJ Board member Mike Melchionne and a crew of hardy members of the New Jersey Certified Animal Control Officers Association, drove into New Orleans and used their valuable experience and expertise in the field to rescue strays and bring them into the staging area for care. As Mike said, "We pushed on, because



Mike Melchionne, NJCACOA, and another volunteer rescue and provide clean water - for a NOLA dog.

behind that next door, under that next water soaked, mold-infested piece of furniture, may be a fright-

know it was there. That is what all kept us going. We were their only chance of survival."

Niki Dawson, of the Liberty Animal Shelter, also an AWFNJ board member, said of her experience "... we worked solely at night - from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. New Orleans PD didn't even go in that area. Two weeks after we left, they opened it to bus tours - go figure. ... it was absolutely surreal. The National Guard fed us their MRE's, showed us where the animals were and backed us up. It was incredible."



Todd Cramer and a Pasado Rescue volunteer share a few brief moments of respite at the Lamar-Dixon staging area.

Board Officer Todd Cramer of the ASPCA went to NOLA on two separate occasions and shared his thoughts. Said Cramer, "My experience in Louisiana proved to me that a pet guardian can be poor, fail to spay or neuter their pets, forego routine veterinary care and still put the happiness of their pets above their own."

Like so many agencies from this great state, although the staff of the Animal Welfare Association could not physically go to the devastated Gulf region, they did the next best thing. AWA donated thousands of dollars of medical supplies to be used by veterinarians caring for injured and sick animals. These supplies included syringes, bandages, suture and first aid supplies.

There are too many stories to tell in this newsletter. There are so many heroes. Thank you ... for whatever you did ... no gift of time or money was too small. It was the total effort that resulted in saving thousands of animal lives.

For the future ...

The AWFNJ encourages you to learn how to be prepared for a disaster. We're pretty lucky in New Jersey that we are rarely affected by nature's fury ... hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes and tsunamis seem to plague other places. We have floods ... thankfully, waters recede ... often in mere days. However, if we are trained to respond in our own community - we can help others as far away as New Orleans and beyond.

Start by preparing a disaster plan for your own home, then work with your animal control and municipal agencies to develop a plan for your community, your county and your state. (Check out some resources at www.awfnj.org.) Encourage legislators to enact laws that allow for the safe evacuation of pets in a disaster - this will save both human and non-human lives.

Ask your US Government representations to support H.R. 3858 which would require local and state emergency preparedness authorities to include in their evacuation plans how they will accommodate household pets or service animals in case of a disaster. Join a local Community Emergency Response Team. And hope that the next disaster response will benefit from the incredible effort and hard lessons learned during the Gulf Coast Hurricanes.



Caring for and reuniting pets at the LaMar Dixon staging area.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

March 4-6

New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association, 120th Annual Meeting. For registration form: http://www.njvma.org/public/events/registration_form_2004.asp

March 5

Strut Your MCSPCA Mutt at the Parade
Monmouth County SPCA
www.monmouthcountyspca.org/events.htm

March 8-11

Animal Care Expo 2006
The Humane Society of the United States.
<http://www.animalsheltering.org/expo>

March 18

NJ Association of Wildlife Rehabilitators Conference. For more information, email or call 609-538-1933

March 20-21

Shelter Operations School American Humane Association. Email karens@americanhumane.org

March 24-25

AWFNJ Annual Conference, Woodbridge Sheraton. Contact conference@awfnj.org or www.awfnj.org

APRIL

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month
ASPCA www.aspca.org

April 1

Tag Day
American Humane www.americanhumane.org

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Bets for Pets Casino Night
Monmouth County SPCA
www.monmouthcountyspca.org/events.htm

April 2

Canine Cotillion
St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center
www.sthuberts.org

April 8

Elvis Tribute
Animal Welfare Association
www.awanj.org

MAY

May 21

Bark-Fest
St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center
www.sthuberts.org

May 31 - June 3

National Conference on Animals in Disaster
Humane Society of the United States
www.hsus.org/NCAD06

New Jersey Animal Law CD

2005 Version Now Available

Want an easy to use reference to the NJ Animal Laws? Our CD contains the NJ Shelter Regulations, Pet Lemon Law and other helpful information.

FREE to new members

\$5 for current members

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Use the form on the back of the newsletter to *order your own CD today!*

**Looking for the NJ Shelter Regulations?
Need to find your local health department
or animal control officer?
Trying to calculate your city's animal population?**

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DIAMOND PET FOOD ALERT! Dec. 2005

Diamond Pet Food has discovered aflatoxin in a product manufactured at our facility in Gaston, South Carolina. Aflatoxin is a naturally occurring toxic chemical by-product from the growth of the fungus *Aspergillus flavus*, on corn and other crops.

Out of an abundance of caution, Diamond has notified their distributors and recommended they hold the sale of all Diamond Pet Food products formulated with corn that were produced out of their Gaston facility (see a complete list below). Please note that products manufactured at their facilities in Meta, Missouri and Lathrop, California are not affected.

The Gaston facility date codes are unique from other Diamond facility codes in that either the eleventh or twelfth character in the date code will be a capital "G" (in reference to Gaston). The range of date codes being reviewed are "Best By 0 March-07" through Best By "11-June-07". Diamond's quantitative analysis records substantiate that Diamond's corn shipments were definitively clear of aflatoxin after December 10. As such, "Best By 11-June-07" date codes or later are not affected by this notice.

Meanwhile, if your pet is showing any symptoms of illness, including sluggishness or lethargy combined with a reluctance to eat, yellowish tint to the eyes and/or gums, and severe or bloody diarrhea, please consult your veterinarian immediately.

Gaston Facility Products Removed From Sale

Diamond Low Fat Dog Food
Diamond Hi-Energy Dog Food
Diamond Maintenance Dog Food
Diamond Performance Dog Food
Diamond Premium Adult Dog Food
Diamond Puppy Food
Diamond Maintenance Cat Food
Diamond Professional Cat Food
Country Value Puppy
Country Value Adult Dog
Country Value High Energy Dog
Country Value Adult Cat Food
Professional Chicken & Rice Senior Dog Food
Professional Reduced Fat Chicken & Rice Dog Food
Professional Adult Dog Food
Professional Large-Breed Puppy Food
Professional Puppy Food
Professional Reduced Fat Cat Food
Professional Adult Cat Food

NEW JERSEY BILLS TO WATCH

Unless otherwise noted, the AWFNJ does not specifically endorse or support these proposed bills. We are providing this important information and would appreciate your input.

UPDATE: A2233 Provides that public school pupils may choose not to participate in certain experiments involving animals and requires schools to provide alternative education projects.

ALERT: S801 The "Responsible Pit Bull Ownership Licensing Act" authorizes municipalities to require a license for a person to own, keep or harbor a pit bull.

The AWFNJ is opposed to breed specific legislation and is deeply concerned about the unfair burden this bill would place on responsible dog owners, animal shelters and municipalities while not producing the affect desired by the bill's author.

We encourage you to write to Senator Sharpe James and your local representatives.

For more information on breed specific bills go the legislative update section of www.awfnj.org.

S365 Prohibits trapping of dogs and cats; limits trapping to animal control officers, members of SPCA and DEP professionals. Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (Assembly bill was withdrawn.)

A909 Prohibits product testing with traditional animal test methods if federally recommended alternative test method exists, with certain exceptions; and provides for injunctive relief for violations. 2nd Reading in the Assembly

To find your state legislators, go to <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/legsearch.asp>

To find your US congressional representatives, go to: <http://action.fund.org/directory>

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL - CD ORDER FORM

Name of Organization or Individual

Mailing Address

Email Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone (Day) (Evening)

I agree to support the principles and beliefs of the Animal Welfare Federation of New Jersey (available online at www.awfnj.org)

Signature

Date

Membership Type: Voting Organization (\$40)* Nonvoting organization (\$25) Individual (\$15)

If you are an organization, please check: Private/Non-Profit Governmental

Please send me the New Jersey Animal Laws CD.

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