

Training Programs Coming to Hillsboro and St Joseph in April

St Joseph and Jefferson County animal control agencies will host two Mini-MACA conferences in April. The Remington Nature Center will be the site in St Joseph for the April 16 Mini, while the April 26 Mini in Hillsboro will be held at the County Annex Building. Both training events will be \$50 for MACA members and \$75 for non-members.

The St Joseph Mini will provide training in Animal Attack Investigations and Reporting; Community Compatibility Behavior Assessments and Temperament Testing; and Professional Investigative Report Writing. Animal Attack Investigations and Reporting will discuss the basics in animal bite investigations, forensic assessments of wounds, rabies quarantining, and reporting methods. Many animal control facilities must ensure dogs and cats are community compatible or don't pose a threat to the public before they can be released. Community Compatibility Behavior Assessments and Temperament Testing discusses assessment methods. The intricacies of written case narratives and reports are explored in Professional Investigative Report Writing.

The Hillsboro Mini will provide training on Animal Intake Triage and Assessments; Animal Capture Techniques, Equipment and Repair; and Community Animal Control. Animal Intake Triage and Assessments will present a model for perform medical and other assessments as part of the animals intake procedure. Animal Capture Techniques, Equipment and Repair will discuss and demonstrate a variety of animal capture techniques along with the proper equipment to use and how to make repairs to that equipment. Community Animal Control will present concepts for enhancing community oriented animal control programs designed to improve the quantity and quality of service provided to the agencies community.

Registration for one or both of these training venues is available now through the association website, maca1.net. Each Mini MACA Training Program will be worth 8 hours of MACA Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

Nominations for 2017 Officers/ Board Members Sought

The MACA Board of Directors and Executive Officers will have several seats open for elections during the 2017 Annual Conference. Director Shawna Walker, Nominations Committee Chair, is accepting nominations. Nominees must have a minimum of two years of experience working in the field and must be a member of the association in good standing. Nominees must have been a member for more than one year. All nominations must be typed and submitted before August 1. Board nominees and a brief nominee bio will be listed on the website as they are accepted.

MACA Board of Director's Meet

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Golden Corral in Columbia.

Agenda and prior meeting minutes available at maca1.net!