

# MACA News **Third Quarter Edition, 2021**

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## *Hot Topics and Speakers to Present at the 2021 MACA Annual Training Conference*

In addition to conference regulars, three presenters will be joining the conference presenter roster with new topics. Mark Kumpf, Dan Ettinger and Kevin Hearst will be presenting a variety of classes during the three-day event.

Mark Kumpf brings his three decades of experience in animal care and control to the any training venue. He has been the senior humane officer for Norfolk Virginia, the Superintendent of Animal Control in Newport News, Director of Animal Control in Montgomery County Ohio, the Interim Director for Clark County Humane Society and the interim director of NACA. He is currently the Director of Animal Care for Detroit Michigan. He has been teaching animal care and control for more than 20 years for such organizations as NACA, ACTS and ACCA, as well as for many state and regional training programs like the Prairie States Conference in Illinois.

Mark says he enjoys teaching because “I learn something from every class I teach and most importantly, I’ve learned I’m not someone that will ever stop learning.”

Mark will be presenting his *Sovereign Citizen* program and his *Staying Employed in Animal Control* programs on the first day of the Annual Conference, with his *Exotic Animals* and his *Animals in Religious Practices* overview program on Day Two.

Kevin Hearst will not be a stranger to MACA members as he has presented at the annual conference in previous years. Kevin began his career in animal care and control in Atlanta Georgia, where he says he was heavily influenced by Dr Melinda Merck. Inspired by her, he was prompted to join a County-wide Animal Cruelty Task Force, which led to further training programs and led him to the Law Enforcement Training Institute. He became a Missouri University/LETI adjunct professor/instructor, and over the past decade has become recognized as a leading authority in animal cruelty investigations.

Kevin has presented a variety of classes for MACA in recent years. This year, he will be presenting his *Diversity and Inclusion* class on the first day of the conference, followed by his *Dangerous Animals* on Thursday afternoon.

Friday morning of the Annual Conference will see Colorado’s Dan Ettinger as the headline presenter. Dan is an Animal Protection Officer II with Denver City and County Animal

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Conference.*

***Meet Podcaster Dan Ettinger***

Dan Ettinger, left, will speak at the  
2021 Annual Ctraining conference.

## ***Annual Business Meeting to include Board Officer and Director Elections***

In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws, the Annual Business meeting, which has always been held during the MACA Annual Training Conference, will include the elections for various Executive Officers and Board Director seats. This year, according to Nominations Committee Chair Casandra Mosholder, a total of five positions are open for nominations this year. The membership attending the annual business meeting will elect the President, the Executive Secretary, and a total of three Directors in October.

The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the Association. Duties of the President include but are not limited to presiding over general meetings; delivering a report to the membership at the annual meeting; working to promote the welfare of the Association; establishing the various committees who conduct the business of the Association and appointing the chairpersons of those committees; and working to fill any Executive Board vacancies. A full list of duties can be found in the Association's Bylaws. This position is a 2-year term.

The Association's Executive Secretary maintains the records of the Association; as well as recording the minutes all meetings of the Executive Board and the Annual Business Meeting. The Executive Secretary's position is a 3-year term. A more detailed description can be found in the Association's Bylaws.

Directors are elected to the Executive Board for 3-year terms. They serve the Association in a variety of ways, such as voting on matters that affect the Association; chairing and participating in the various committees established by the President; attending general meetings, and other assigned duties as assigned.

There are a few requirements for nomination and election to the Board of Directors which are outlined in the Bylaws. A nominee must have a minimum of two years working experience in

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animal care and control. This can include being an employee or a volunteer at a Missouri Department of Agriculture licensed facility; being a public health official; a Veterinarian; a law enforcement official; an Animal Control Officer or a Humane Investigator. If requested by the board, written verification of at least 250 working hours may be needed. The nominee must be a current member of the Missouri Animal Control Association and must have been a member the past calendar year.

Nominations can be submitted online on the MACA website at [www.maca1.net](http://www.maca1.net), under the “Board Members” tab on the left-hand side of the page. Mosholder said there will be a form to fill out to nominate someone which will be forwarded to our nominations committee, who can add it to the slate presented at the annual meeting. Nominations can also be accepted from the floor during the election process at the annual meeting but will require a “second” to be included on the election ballot.

Each board member is expected to attend Board meetings, the annual business meeting, and is expected to keep the Association’s best interests in mind.

“Being a board member does take work,” Mosholder said, “but it can be a rewarding experience to make a difference in our state and field of work.”

Electron nominations may be made until October 13.

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## ***Hot Topics and Speakers... continued from page one***

Control, and says he takes pride in protection people from animals and animals from people.

He has been an adjunct professor/instructor with Missouri University's Law Enforcement Training Institute for many years and is highly regarded as a speaker and teacher.

In addition to being a highly respected instructor, Dan is also the producer and host of *The Humane Roundup*, a podcast about and dedicated to animal care and control professionals. During the 2021 MACA Annual Conference, Dan will be presenting two programs: *Humane-izing the Badge* and *Verbal De-escalation: Stepping Back from the Edge*.

The MACA Board of Directors is pleased with this year's instructor line-up. Other speakers in the line-up includes Matt Rold, with the Department of Agriculture; Julie Kelley, speaking on Breed ID, and training animals to promote adoptions; and Bob Baker, with the Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation. The Department of Health and Senior Services will also have a representative presenting the annual rabies update presentation.

The MACA Annual Conference will be held October 13, 14, and 15 at the Camden on the Lake Resort. Hotel accommodations are full, however there are still seats available in the training room, Register today at [www.maca1.net](http://www.maca1.net)



### ***Happy to be joining us!***

Mark Kumpf, above, and Kevin Hearst, left, are two of the three headline instructors for the 2021 MACA Annual Conference at Camden on the Lake, Lake Ozark Missouri, October 13, 14, and 15. Registration for the conference is available now at [www.maca1.net](http://www.maca1.net)