

MACA News

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Annual Conference Planning in Full Swing Old Kinderhook Lodge, Lake of the Ozarks

Our Vice President Holly Bowie has been working nonstop to put together an amazing conference for us this year. I am thrilled to announce we will have guest speakers from NACA, LETI, MASA and many more. With topics like Beyond the Dogcatcher: A Modern Look at Animal Control, Recognizing the Sovereign Citizen, Temperament Testing , Animal Cruelty Task Force and even Investigation of Ritualistic and Occult Cruelty Complaints this line up is proving to be amazing!

Conference registration is now open on our website!

Conference Tuition:

Members: \$275

Non-Members: \$300

Don't forget we have limited scholarships available, for more information on our scholarships and to apply please visit www.maca1.net.

Hotel Reservations can be made online at www.oldkinderhook.com using code 091818MACA
You may also call to make reservations 573-317-3500
MACA room rate is \$105.00 per night



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NACA Affiliated State Association Partnership

Recently the MACA Board of Directors voted to become an Affiliated State Association Partner with the National Animal Care and Control Association (NACA).

This gives you access to even more benefits through NACA including being eligible for a discounted NACA individual membership.

For more information on NACA please see their website at www.nacanet.org .

Board Member Spotlight



Dan St. Lawrence
Legislation/Positions
Committee Chair

Dan has been employed with the City of Poplar Bluff Animal Control for 3 ½ years. Dan is MACA certified as well as certified as a Level # Animal Cruelty Investigator through the University of Missouri Law Enforcement Training Institute. His job duties include all animal control issues along with shelter operations and assisting the police department as needed.

When Dan started his new career in Animal Control he had no training in the animal control field and had been a self-employed contractor for over 30 years. Upon completing MACA certification and attending the 2015 MACA Conference he returned to Poplar Bluff with many ideas. He was instrumental in changes to shelter operations by utilizing social media and networking with rescues. The Poplar Bluff Animal Control Facebook page is so successful it has spread throughout the US and beyond. The shelters euthanasia rate went from 332 dogs and cats euthanized in 2014 to 29 in 2016 and 27 in 2017. Dan also implemented mandatory sterilization at the shelter. He credits the changes he has made as being the result of networking with others at MACA conferences.

Dan is a Master Mason and a Shriner with Moolah Temple. He is a member of Cape Shrine Club and Three Rivers Shrine Club and will be President of Three Rivers Shrine Club in 2019. He enjoys the Shriner philosophy of helping children while having fun. Dan is married with three children and five granddaughters. He enjoys hunting, four wheeling and boating with friends and family.

Articles Wanted

Do you love to write and have a story you think other MACA members should read? If the answer is yes then we want you to write for us. Please send your stories, big or small to macapresident1@gmail.com and you may see your story in a future MACA newsletter. Don't forget to include your name and please credit any resources you used for your story. Thank you.

Mini MACA Training

Mini MACA train will take place in St. John, Missouri on April 18th and in Gladstone, Missouri on May 3rd. Classes will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. with lunch on your own from 11:00 a.m. to Noon.

We will be instructed on Basic Self Defense techniques by Officer Zach Bunton of the Brookfield Police Department. We will also be receiving training by JT Taylor on Recognizing Basic Dog and Cat Behavior and The Circle of Violence.

Register online at www.maca1.net.



Long time MACA Member Barbara Ball Retires

By: Brandon Anderson

I started Animal Control in Columbia/Boone County in 2008. My first weeks were a whirlwind. Enforcing ordinances for the city, county, and state means a whole lot of ordinances to get

familiar with along with SOPs and just getting to know the job. On my first day Supervisor Molly Aust pulled me aside and said, "I'm going to have you ride with Barb, she will share a ton of information with you and don't stress if you don't remember it all but she knows the job well." Molly wasn't kidding and I felt overwhelmed for sure. It didn't take long to learn she has seen a lot in this job and knows her stuff. ACO Barbara Ball, or Barb as most of us know her, assisted with writing many of the SOPs for our Animal Control. She also wrote a training handbook for new ACOs in our department which she worked on refining up until her retirement. Barb was always a joy in the office; she would share stories, anecdotes, and even let us revel in sitcoms she watched the night before when we had downtime. She can tell a story and describe it well enough it's like you were present.

As an Animal Control Officer, Barb worked tirelessly to help animals. She issued citations when warranted and had many successful cases. One of the most memorable cases for Barb was

tracking down an animal for an owner. The particular case she referred to was recent and it took some collaboration and investigation. Our office was contacted by the hospital to see if we had the dog of a couple patients who were brought there from a car accident. After some investigation she found out the accident occurred in Montgomery MO. She then contacted their animal control agency who had a



complaint or two on the dog already but couldn't catch it. She advised them of what had happened and that the owners were in the hospital here in Boone County. It took a couple weeks because the dog was freaked out but one day Barb received a call from Montgomery that they had captured the dog. She checked with the hospital and the owners had already been discharged. She was able to get their contact information and contacted them to find out they had gone home (out of state) and didn't have transportation to return. After some work with Montgomery County they were able to make arrangements for the dog to be transported home to its owners for a happy ending. As Barb indicated to me these are the kinds of things that can make your day.

Barbara Ball was inducted as a lifetime member of MACA at the annual meeting held in 2017. She received the honor for her many years of service to the membership of MACA serving as a board member, being instrumental in developing and implementing the MACA certification program, and being part of the bylaws and constitution the organization now uses. Barb loves being actively involved with many organizations and enjoyed her time working with MACA.

January 2018 Barb took a big step in life, retirement. She comes and sees us from time to time in the office and we still stop by the house and visit her if she's home. Barb has always been a go-getter and enjoys being active. Before retirement she was involved with MACA, CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team), Tree Keepers (parks and rec program), and a docent at the local historical society. Not to mention working full time as an Animal Control Officer. She told me recently she had to buy a new calendar to track what she's up to in retirement. Barb is taking classes a few days a week at the local learning annex, volunteering with a cat rescue working on TNR efforts, volunteers at the Central Missouri Humane Society a couple days a week, still does tree keepers, and volunteers with the Missouri Honor Flight. As a retired veteran herself the Honor Flight is a trip she is hoping to take in the future (her name is on the list to go). She hasn't slowed down just found new activities to enjoy with her free time.

Barb spends her time at home working in the yard, reading books, watching the birds, squirrels or other wildlife at her feeders, or hanging out with her cat Todd.

Board of Directors Position openings

We will have four Executive Board of Director positions open in 2018. The Board of Director election will take place during our Annual Conference business meeting in September. If you are interested in running for a Board position or would like to nominate someone else you may do so by filling out an application at www.maca1.net. Below you will find the requirements for Executive Board eligibility.

Executive Board Eligibility Nominee's must have a minimum of two (2) years of experience, either as an employee or volunteer with a Missouri Department of Agriculture licensed facility; or as a public health official, veterinarian, law enforcement official, animal control officer or humane investigator.

Upon request by the board, an Executive Board member nominee shall provide written verification of working or volunteering for a minimum of 250 hours within the two most recent years with an ACFA licensed facility or recognized animal welfare organization.

The nominee for the Executive Board must be a current member in good standing and have been a member of the Association from the prior calendar year.

Nominees for Executive Officer seats must have a minimum of three years of experience serving on the Executive Board to be eligible for President, Vice President, or Secretary.

Elected Board Members are required to attend board meetings as often as necessary to address and fulfill the Association's business, as well as to attend the Annual Training Conference. Routinely board meetings are usually held bi-monthly in a central location. If a board member misses two consecutive meeting or two meetings in any given conference year (beginning from one annual conference until the next annual conference) unless there are extenuating circumstance as determined by the majority of the Board voting, the President shall declare the position vacant.