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**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

SUGGESTIONS FOR 100 HOURS OF TRAINING  
IN COMPLIANCE WITH ACT 399, P.A. 1919, SEC. 298  
(FORMULATED IN 1976)

Method of Training	# of Hours
1. One day spent with the local authority, county commissioner, or city manager discussing local policies and procedures.	8
2. Two days studying the state laws and regulations along with local ordinances dealing with animal control.	16
3. Accompany a Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Animal Industry Division Field Inspector for two days discussing laws and regulations; inspecting animal control shelters and animal protection shelters. (A minimum of eight hours should be spent with the inspector on inspections of facilities.)	16
4. Three days spent with an animal control officer of neighboring county that has an active animal control program, including a dog pound. The ride with an animal control officer should include inspecting kennels and surveying the entire pound operation including record keeping and method of euthanasia.	20
5. One day spent in a large city with a humane society shelter-check over entire operation along with record keeping and method of euthanasia.	8
6. Two days spent with the sheriff or police chief discussing laws, enforcement policies, how to issue a summons, serving of warrants, and public relations.	16
7. One day spent with a prosecuting attorney preparing complaint and case writing, preparing and giving testimony, court protocol, and public relations.	8
8. One day spent with a licensed veterinarian learning methods of animal restraint and euthanasia. This training is required pursuant to the Public Health Code 333.7333(c) in order to use sodium pentobarbital for euthanasia.	8

The above 100 hours are only suggestions made by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Other training may be substituted and the time schedules certainly can be adjusted without changing the intent of giving the new animal control officer some experience in all phases of animal control.

There are also formal training courses offered in some of the community colleges that may be taken in lieu of the above.

When other training courses become available, please submit to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for approval prior to enrollment.