The National Animal Cruelty Investigations School offers a combination of specialized veterinary and law enforcement training. Students from a range of backgrounds – including federal, state and local animal cruelty officers, humane society investigators and board members, police officers and sheriffs’ deputies, court personnel and other citizens – learn from experts about all aspects of animal welfare and safety.

Our nationally recognized faculty of law enforcement, veterinary and animal health experts teach a systematic approach to animal cruelty investigations. Classes are held all over the United States. The program has three different components that should be taken in order; requests to take them out of order will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Each component is composed of a five-day, 40-hour course conducted from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday’s course will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude sometime in the afternoon. After completion of all three components (120 hours), you will be a certified humane investigator.

Registration Information

**Tuition**
- $600 per participant for Professional component - Level I
- $650 per participant for Advanced component - Level II
- $650 per participant for Expert component - Level III

*Tuition is subject to change. Please contact our office to verify pricing.*

**Group discount/early registration discount**
Register three students from one agency, and get additional registrations for 50 percent off the full registration. Registrations must be submitted together, and all registrants must attend to qualify. Save 10 percent for registering 45 days prior to training.

**Continuing education**
For each level, participants with a grade of 70 percent or more on the written examination will receive a certificate of completion and 40 continuing education units.

**Scholarships**
A few scholarships may be awarded. Check the website for the application.

**Questions**
For additional information:
- Call 800-825-6505 or 573-882-6021
- Fax 573-884-5693
- Website [http://leti.missouri.edu/animal-cruelty.aspx](http://leti.missouri.edu/animal-cruelty.aspx)

Registration preference will go to investigators with active investigations. Due to the nature of the business, topics discussed and videos shown during the schools will have graphic content and may not be suitable for everyone. If you have any special needs as addressed by the ADA, please contact us immediately.

Curriculum

**Professional Investigator - Level I**
- Animal law
- Report writing
- Constitutional law
- Courtroom preparation
- Veterinarians & animal cruelty
- Basics nutrition
- Basic anatomy
- Biosecurity & zoonosis
- Animal behavior & handling
- The professional investigator
- Interviewing & interrogation
- Basic photography
- Breed identification
- Officer safety/survival

**Advanced Investigator - Level II**
- Compassion fatigue
- Criminal activity
- Agricultural animals & confinement operations
- Body condition scoring - including practical
- Equine investigations
- Humane Euthanasia
- Pet stores
- High-volume breeders
- Crime scene investigations
- Officer safety
- Proactive approach to investigations
- Career Hacks

*Curriculum subject to change

**Expert Investigator - Level III**
- Ritual animal crimes
- Relationship of animal abuse & family violence
- Animal sexual abuse
- Disaster response
- Large-scale impounds
- Traveling shows
- Exotic animals
- Hoarders
- Case building: The team approach
- Networking
- Diversity
- Blood sports
- Internet Crimes

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