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ILLEGAL ANIMAL FIGHTING TRAINING

- **DATE:** Wednesday, April 1, 2009
- **TIME**: 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
- LOCATION: Mercer County Police Academy's Satellite Facility Dempster Fire Training Center 350 Lawrence Station Road Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 (609) 799-3245
- **DRESS:** Business Casual
- INSTRUCTORS: Sgt. David Hunt, SIU Unit, Franklin Co. Sheriff's Office, Columbus, Ohio Sgt. Michael J. Gabrialson, Kettering Police Department, Kettering, Ohio

FEE: \$15.00

Register online at: http://www.humanesocietyu.org/workshops_and_classes/iaf_mc_nj.html

NOTE: If you wish to sign up a group of officers/personnel, arrangements can be made. Please contact Ashley Mauceri, HSUS Training Coordinator at (301) 706-7899 or AMauceri@hsus.org.

****Please register by March 25 ***

Any problems or questions please contact Staff Instructor Bob Gioscio at (609)584-2304.



Illegal Animal Fighting Training

Key Topics

- Review of Animal Fighting Paraphernalia
- Investigations, Warrants, and Evidence Collection
- Knowing, Interpreting, and Applying the Law
- Disposition of Confiscated Animals
- Internet Investigation of Animal Fighting
- Recognizing Street Fighting
- Animal Fighting's Connections to Other Felony Crimes

Participants will learn about the history, motivations, and paraphernalia involved in illegal animal fighting as well as how to conduct interrogations and work with prosecutors and other agencies when illegal animal fighting is suspected. The goal of this course is to enable investigators to be able to recognize and build strong cases against illegal animal fighting, specifically dogfighting and cockfighting.

Why Attend?

All 50 states have animal cruelty laws. 45 states have laws that make the most egregious types of cruelty a felony offense, and dog fighting is a felony in all 50 states. Unfortunately, many cases each year go without convictions or receive disproportionately mild sentences each year. Animal cruelty and fighting cases are often at the low end of the totem pole for prosecutors, so it is up to animal cruelty investigators to ensure that every investigation be as solid as possible, in order to increase prosecutorial attention and achieve meaningful outcomes.

For additional information about the courses, please see: <u>www.humanesocietyu.org/workshops_and_classes/iaf_main_page.html</u>

We have successfully trained law enforcement officers across the country, and we are thrilled about the opportunity to work with the officers of New Jersey. Please feel free to contact me with any other questions. I am more than happy to help.

Ashley Mauceri Training Coordinator, Animal Cruelty and Fighting (301) 706-7899 <u>AMauceri@hsus.org</u>





HSUS Animal Cruelty & Illegal Fighting Training Registration Form

Please complete and return this form to:

Ashley Mauceri Training Coordinator, Animal Cruelty & Fighting The Humane Society of the United States 700 Professional Drive Gaithersburg MD 20874 t 301-706-7899 f 301-721-6414 AMauceri@humanesociety.org

Registrant Contact Information:

Name:			
Organization:		Address:	
Position:		Phone:	
Email Address:		Fax:	

Training Session to be Attended:

Burlington County (South) – March 31st, 2009

□ Mercer County (Central) – April 1st, 2009

□ Union County (North) – April 2nd, 2009

Materials Fee - Form of Payment (\$15)

□ Check □ Visa □ Mastercard □ Discover □ American Express

Card #:

Expiration Date:

Authorized Signature:

Name on Card (Please Print):

Make checks payable to: The Humane Society of the United States

Or, register online at:

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Please mail/fax this form and appropriate payment to Ashley Mauceri at the above address. Feel free to contact us with any additional questions or comments.

Thank you very much and we look forward to working with you!