



Doña Ana County Animal Control and Codes Enforcement and Positive Links are partnering to offer a free law enforcement training entitled “The Animal-Human Bond: Investigating Crimes Against Animals”. The training will be held on August 10, 2017 from 7:30am – 12:30pm at the Doña Ana County Government Center in Las Cruces.

The Animal-Human Bond is very strong, with many people now considering their companion animals to be family members. This strong bond is increasing the involvement of animal cruelty in family violence situations because now more than ever, animals can be used to exert power and control over the people who love and care for them. By learning to spot animal abuse, and taking the crime seriously, we can identify other forms of family violence and even stop violent behaviors before they progress to include humans.

We would like to invite you and your staff to attend this free training. To register, please email your name, agency name and email address to Tammy Fiebelkorn at tammy@e-solved.com or 505-410-3884. Law enforcement CEUs are available for attendees, and all training materials will be provided free of charge. Light snacks and coffee will also be provided.

The agenda for the training is enclosed for your review. As you’ll see, we will review the Link Between Animal Abuse and Human Violence, then move into an extensive training on investigating crimes against animals. This training is tailored to the needs of law enforcement officers who deal with cases that involve animal cruelty, or those who focus on other forms of family violence because it’s vital that all law enforcement officers have the training needed to correctly investigate and document crimes against animals.

We hope to see you and your staff on August 10th. Please remember to register so we can prepare the appropriate number of training packets. Again, you can reach Tammy at tammy@e-solved.com or 505-410-3884.

Sincerely,

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Vicki Lusk
Doña Ana County Animal Control & Codes Enforcement

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Tammy Fiebelkorn
Positive Links, Board President



**The Animal-Human Bond:
Investigating Crimes Against Animals
Training Agenda**

August 10, 2017

7:30 am – 12:30 pm

**Doña Ana County Government Center
845 N. Motel Blvd.
Multipurpose Rooms 113 & 117**



7:15 a.m.	Attendee Check-In and Coffee Service
7:30 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions
7:45 a.m.	The Link Between Animal Abuse and Human Violence – Tammy Fiebelkorn, Positive Links
8:30 a.m.	Crimes Against Animals Investigation – Detective Robyn Gojkovich, Dona Ana County Sheriff's Department
10:00 a.m.	15 Minute Break & Light Snacks
10:15 a.m.	Crimes Against Animals Investigation, <i>Continued</i> – Detective Robyn Gojkovich, Dona Ana County Sheriff's Department
12:15 p.m.	CEU Test (for those attendees wishing to receive law enforcement CEUs)
12:30 p.m.	Adjourn

Tammy Fiebelkorn, President of Positive Links, will discuss efforts to reduce violence against all family members, including animals. Animal abuse, cruelty and neglect were once considered isolated incidents wholly separated from other forms of family violence. Today, we know all forms of family violence – child abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse and animal abuse - are linked. Animal abuse is a sentinel indicator, “the tip of the iceberg,” and often the first visible sign of other family and community violence. Tammy will discuss the various ways we see animal abuse co-existing with other family violence and outline ways we can work together to reduce violence in our communities.

Detective Robyn Gojkovich with the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Department will lead an extensive workshop on investigating criminal cases involving animal cruelty. Lack of knowledge, training and resources can lead to poorly handled animal cruelty cases which do not hold up in court. Despite the fact that animal cruelty is often an indicator of other violent tendencies, these cases do not always receive the attention they should. This training has the following objectives:

1. Define Cruelty to Animals and know the different types.
2. Identify the difference between a Felony and a Misdemeanor.
3. Understand the importance of processing and securing live evidence.
4. Define and understand the importance of Personal Protective Equipment.
5. Know the difference between Dog Fighting and Cock Fights.
6. How to charge someone with multiple counts of Cruelty to Animals when investigating a case involving numerous animals.
7. Understand important motions that must be filed in court and the proper procedure on filing them.