



Doña Ana County Animal Control and Codes Enforcement and Positive Links are partnering to offer an animal therapeutic intervention training for Las Cruces area therapists and social workers. We hope you will join us for this training!

The Animal-Human Bond: Therapy Options for Intervening and Preventing Animal Abuse in Adults and Juveniles

August 10, 2017 ~ 1:00p-5:30p

Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

Cost: \$50 per person

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 colleagues to this innovative training. To register, please email your name, agency name and email address to Tammy Fiebelkorn at tammy@e-solved.com or 505-410-3884. Five CEUs are available to attendees, and all training materials are included in the \$50 class fee. Light snacks and drinks 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 therapy options for intervening and preventing animal abuse. This training is tailored to the needs of therapists and social workers who currently deal with cases that involve animal cruelty, or those who desire to add interventions that incorporate animal abuse prevention into their focus on other forms of family violence.

We hope to see you and your colleagues on August 10, 2017. 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



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Training Agenda

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845 N. Motel Blvd.
Multipurpose Rooms 113 & 117

12:45 p.m.	Attendee Check-In
1:00 p.m.	Welcome & Introductions
1:15 p.m.	The Link Between Animal Abuse and Human Violence
2:00 p.m.	Overview of Therapy Options for Intervening and Preventing Animal Abuse
2:45 p.m.	Intervention in Animal Abuse by Adults
3:15 p.m.	15 Minute Break & Light Snacks
3:30 p.m.	Intervention in Animal Abuse by Adults, Cont.
4:00 p.m.	Intervention in Animal Abuse by Juveniles
5:30 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 different ways we see animal abuse co-existing with other family violence and outline ways we can work together to reduce violence in our communities.

Tamara Herbert Ward, Positive Links will lead an extensive workshop on the intervention and prevention of animal abuse using various therapy intervention techniques. Intervention is the best way to introduce empathy and personal responsibility in animal abusers, thereby stopping the cycle of violence and preventing future abuse. Intervention techniques for both adult and juvenile abusers will be covered by Ms. Ward. Participants will leave the training with a certificate of completion and the knowledge needed to incorporate animal abuse interventions into their existing practices. This training is a resource for mental health professionals, educators, youth workers, public health agents, nurses, etc.