

# Tennessee Animal Care & Control Conference

*October 8-9, 2009  
Embassy Suites Cool Springs  
Franklin, TN*



**Vets & Vet Techs can earn  
up to 10 hours of CE credits!**

The Tennessee Animal Care and Control Conference is a joint effort of the ACAT (Animal Control Association of TN), CAIT (Companion Animal Initiative of Tennessee), and The THA (Tennessee Humane Association).

Featuring 14 workshops in two tracks, the 2009 TN Animal Care & Control Conference is the largest and most comprehensive training conference offered by ACAT, CAIT and THA. This educational conference brings together animal control officers, humane investigators, animal care staff, shelter managers and executive directors, veterinarians, veterinary technicians, rescue workers, and animal advocates from throughout the State of TN and from other areas of the Southeast for an opportunity to learn, network and discover new methods, tools and services for improving their ability to help animals.



Our mission is to improve the methods and standards of the animal control profession on a state-wide basis, to inform the public of the true nature and importance of the work performed by animal control organizations, to cooperate with other public agencies dealing in animal control, and to promote justice and equity in the enforcement of animal control laws. ACAT is open to any adult or organization actively working in or affiliated with animal control. Visit our web site at [www.tnanimalcontrol.org](http://www.tnanimalcontrol.org) or email us at [tnanimalcontrol@yahoo.com](mailto:tnanimalcontrol@yahoo.com)

The Companion Animal Initiative of Tennessee (CAIT) is a program of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine. Our mission is to reduce the state surplus of homeless cats and dogs by taking a proactive approach and promoting humane education throughout the state, thus improving the lives of all companion animals in Tennessee. We are building bridges between the veterinary community and animal shelters across TN. Visit our web site at [www.vet.utk.edu/cait](http://www.vet.utk.edu/cait) or email us at [cait@utk.edu](mailto:cait@utk.edu)



The Tennessee Humane Association (THA) is a non-profit organization comprised of individuals and organizations that has been working in Tennessee for over 30 years. Our mission is to decrease the number of homeless, neglected, displaced, and abused animals in Tennessee by working together as a coalition of organizations and individuals. To learn more visit our web site at [www.tnhumane.org](http://www.tnhumane.org) or email us at [helpingcritters@yahoo.com](mailto:helpingcritters@yahoo.com)

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## Thursday, October 8th ~ Joint Sessions

- 7:00 – 8:00 am      **Registration**
- 8:00 – 8:15 am     **Welcome**
- 8:15 – 9:15 am     **Compassion Fatigue in the Animal Welfare Field**  
~ Dr. Elizabeth Strand, UT College of Veterinary Medicine
- 9:15 - 10:30 am    **Breed Discriminatory Laws** ~ Ledy VanKavage, Best Friends Animal Society
- 10:30 - 10:45 am   **Break**
- 10:45 - 12:00 pm   **Animal Abuse Cases - From Gathering Evidence to Prosecution**  
~ William Lamberth, Sumner County Assistant District Attorney
- 12:00 - 1:30 pm    **Buffet Luncheon and Awards Presentations** ~ Teresa Jennings, CAIT & Tracy Hill, ACAT  
*Exhibits Open*
- 1:30 - 3:00 pm      **Meth Labs & Confiscation of Animals** ~ Ricky Searcy, Center for Domestic Preparedness
- 3:00 - 3:30 pm      **Break**
- 3:30 - 5:00 pm     **Shelter Design** ~ Rick Bacon, The Bacon Group



## Friday, October 9th ~ Concurrent Sessions

8:00 – 9:00 am      **Registration**

### Track A - Field Services

### Track B - Shelter Management

9:00 -10:30 am	<b>Tools of the Trade &amp; Their Proper Use</b> ~ Bill Brothers, ACES	<b>Spay &amp; Neuter in TN (Panel Discussion)</b> ~ Kathy Wright, PAL Mobile & Mary Hatfield, Lincoln Memorial University
10:30 - 10:45 am	<b>Break – Exhibits Open</b>	
10:45 -11:45 am	<b>Turning Complaints into Compliments</b> ~ Dave Head, Knox County Animal Control Director	<b>Dysfunctional Boards</b> ~ Jim Tedford, Alpha Dog Marketing
11:45 - 12:45 pm	<b>Buffet Luncheon &amp; Exhibits Open</b>	
12:45 - 1:45 pm	<b>Working with DART &amp; TEMA in TN</b> ~ Phillip Gordon, TN Department of Agriculture	<b>Strategic Planning</b> ~ Jim Tedford, Alpha Dog Marketing
1:45 - 2:00 pm	<b>Break – Last Chance to Visit Exhibits</b>	
2:00 - 3:30 pm	<b>Speaking to County &amp; State Officials</b> ~ Karen Bennett, Davidson County Council Member, Phil Claiborne, Davidson County Council Member, Janis Sontany, TN House Representative	<b>Working with Volunteers</b> ~ Laura Lanza, ASPCA
3:30 - 3:45 pm	<b>Break</b>	
3:45 – 5:00 pm	<b>Rabies Surveillance in TN</b> ~ Dr Marcy Souza, UT College of Veterinary Medicine	<b>Shelter Pet Project &amp; New Animal Laws in TN</b> ~ Leighann McCollum, HSUS

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## Accommodations: Embassy Suites Hotel

Embassy Suites Nashville South/ Cool Springs

820 Crescent Centre Drive, Franklin, TN 37067

tel: (615) 515-5151

Reservations: 1-800-560-7782

Group code ref.: TAC or TN Animal Care & Control Conference

Online: [www.nashvillesouth.embassysuites.com](http://www.nashvillesouth.embassysuites.com)

Room Rate: \$99 per night

**Cut off date: midnight September 7, 2009**

## Registration deadline is September 18, 2009

Please make registration checks made payable to: **ACAT**  
(We can not accept credit cards or cash, checks only please.)

Mail checks and this form to the attention of:

**Teresa Jennings, CAIT**

**1853 Longcross Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918**

For more information on the 2009 Tennessee ACC Conference,  
please contact: Teresa Jennings at [cait@utk.edu](mailto:cait@utk.edu) or call 865-755-2182.

Registration fees: *(Registration fee includes lunch)*

Single Day	Thursday, October 8	Friday, October 9
ACAT or THA Member	___ \$70.00	___ \$70.00
Non-Member	___ \$90.00	___ \$90.00

### Animal Control Association of TN (ACAT) Membership

Active	___ \$40.00 <i>(single voting)</i>
Organization	___ \$150.00 <i>(for up to 5 people, \$10 for each additional member)</i>

### Tennessee Humane Association (THA) Membership

Active	___ \$25.00 <i>(single voting)</i>
Organization	___ \$50.00 <i>(for up to 5 people, \$10 for each additional member)</i>

### Continuing Education Credits



*Veterinarians & Veterinarian Technicians can earn up to 10 hours of CE credits by attending this TN ACC Conference.*

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

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