

**Sacramento Police Department
Mandatory Academy Follow-up Training
2020**

The following course is offered to academy graduates as they enter the field training program at the Sacramento Police Department. These new officers are brought back to the training environment several times as they progress through the field training.

Course Title: Animal Cruelty

Course Description: To provide basic knowledge and understanding of both state and local laws pertaining to animal husbandry, neglect, and cruelty.

Course Objective: Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- Identify primary state laws pertaining to animal cruelty and/or neglect.
- Identify SCC ordinances pertaining to general animal care and husbandry
- Identify signs of animal neglect
- Identify signs of animal cruelty with intent or malice.
- Understand the capabilities of Animal Control and how to imitate an investigation
- Understand the process pertaining to the Sacramento Animal Cruelty Task Force and which SPD decan assist if needed
- Understand the evidentiary nature of live animals in a cruelty or neglect situation
- Understand that there are laws addressing animal blood sports and how to identify potential animal fighting
- Identify weapon usage as it pertains to animal cruelty.

Representative Methods of Evaluation

- Class participation
- Class performance