

**Cook County Partners Against Animal Cruelty (PAAC) Task Force  
and Sponsoring Agencies:  
Cook County Sheriff's Police  
Cook County Animal & Rabies Control  
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)**

**Free Training Opportunity for  
Law-Enforcement & Criminal-Justice Professionals**

(Register early to reserve a place because of limited seating.)

***Enforcing Illinois Animal Abuse Laws & Building Good Cases:  
The Laws, The Links, Evidence and Officer Safety***

- When:** **Tuesday, June 19, 2007 – Choose from two identical sessions:**  
**Morning:** 9:00 a.m. sharp to 1:00 p.m.  
(registration & continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m.)  
**Afternoon:** 1:00 p.m. sharp to 5:00 p.m.  
(registration & afternoon snack at 12:30 p.m.)
- Where:** **Cook County Sheriff's Training Academy  
Triton College, Police Training Academy Auditorium  
2000 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, River Grove, Illinois**
- Presenters:** **Ledy VanKavage, Esq., and Randall Lockwood, Ph.D., CAAB  
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)**
- Audience:** **Law enforcement officers and criminal justice professionals in Cook County**
- Description:** This half-day training program will provide participants with information about all State of Illinois laws relating to animal abuse, animal fighting and dangerous/vicious animals, how to enforce them, what constitutes evidence and builds good cases, and officer safety. Animal abuse is strongly correlated with violence against humans. Cruelty to animals is a recognized trait indicating a violent personality. Intentional animal abuse is an early sign of trouble, particularly in children. Animal fighting and the associated abuse and neglect of animals are connected with gangs, guns, drugs, and gambling. Moreover, abused and neglected animals in communities threaten public safety as well as public health. Learn how state animal laws provide law enforcement tools that address violence in our communities. Increase your department's expertise, reduce liabilities and be ready for increased public concern.

To register for this free training opportunity,  
please complete the attached forms and fax **by Tuesday, June 12, 2007**, to  
Cook County PAAC Task Force  
Attention: Dolores McLaughlin  
708-389-2240



## ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

**Dr. Lockwood** is Senior Vice President for Anti-Cruelty Initiatives and Training. He has degrees in psychology and biology from Wesleyan University and a doctorate in comparative and physiological psychology from Washington University. He is a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist (CAAB). Before joining the ASPCA staff in 2005, he worked for the FBI and served as vice president for research and educational outreach for the Humane Society of the United States.

For more than 25 years, Dr. Lockwood has served as an expert on dog behavior, dog aggression, dog bite prevention, illegal dog fighting and the interactions between people and animals. He has been an advisor on animal-related public health problems to many city and state governments, law enforcement agencies, and companies. He has served as an expert witness in many civil and criminal trials dealing with dangerous dogs, including the first trials to result in manslaughter and murder convictions of owners of dogs involved in fatal attacks.

Among his many publications, Dr. Lockwood co-edited *Cruelty to Animals and Interpersonal Violence* (Purdue University Press, 1998), authored *Animal Cruelty Prosecution: Opportunities for Early Response to Crime and Interpersonal Violence* (American Prosecutors Research Institute of the National District Attorneys Association, 2006, with a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), U.S. Department of Justice), and most recently co-authored *Forensic Investigation of Animal Cruelty: A Guide for Veterinary and Law Enforcement Professionals*, (Humane Society Press, 2006).

**Ms. VanKavage, Esq.** is Senior Director of Legal Training and Legislation. She has a degree in zoology from Eastern Illinois University and graduate training in environmental studies from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She earned her J.D. at St. Louis University. After law school she served as a judicial law clerk for the Illinois Appellate Court and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois. Before joining the ASPCA staff in 1999 as an associate for Midwest Government Affairs and Public Policy, she worked in the environmental law firm Green, Hennings, and Henry and served as an attorney advisor for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Ms. VanKavage has worked extensively in the humane movement. In 1985 she organized the Madison County Coalition Against Pound Seizure, successfully stopping the selling of animals for research from her county animal control facility. She founded the Madison County Humane Society and served as president for eight years. In 1992 she co-founded the Illinois Federation of Humane Societies and served on its board for ten years. She also co-founded Operation SPOT (Stop Pet Overpopulation Today) in the St. Louis area and served as a board member for eight years. Most recently she serves on the board of the Regional Institute for Community Policing (RICP), Animal Farm Foundation (AFF) and the American Bar Association (ABA).

Ms. VanKavage is well known as a lobbyist in Illinois (as well as thirteen other states). She has drafted numerous animal law bills in Illinois. Among the many bills she has drafted and lobbied are the clean-up bill for the Humane Care for Animals Act, the Humane Euthanasia in Animal Shelters bill, the Companion Animal Hoarder bill, the “no court supervision for animal abusers” bill, and the new Animal Control Act. All these bills were signed into law.