

Odessa Euthanasia Training

Course Outline

Session 1: 8:30 – 9:00 (30 min)

Introduction to Animal Euthanasia

Routes of administration, injection techniques, anatomy, pharmacology, laws regarding storage and accountability of euthanasia solution, stress management.

Session 2: 9:00 – 9:30 (30 min)

Preparing for Euthanasia

Handling a syringe, circulatory anatomy, types of injections, factors to consider, physical restraint, state and federal laws regarding animal disposal.

Session 3: 9:30 – 10:00 (30 min)

Intraperitoneal, Intracardiac, and Verification of Death

Methods, doses, and regulations when euthanizing using the IP and IC routes, verification of death, other factors affecting death.

Break: 10:00 – 10:15 (15 min)

Session 4: 10:15 – 10:45 (30 min)

Chemical Sedatives and Intravenous Techniques

Sedation, general anesthesia, analgesia, IV techniques – cephalic, saphenous, jugular

Session 5: 10:45 – 11:45 (60 min)

Wildlife and Large Animals

Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 (at training facility)

Session 6: 1:00 – 2:00 (60)

Carbon Monoxide Chambers, Euthanasia Reduction Programs and Stress Management

Written Test: 45 minutes maximum

Discussion of test and Q & A 3:00 – 5:00 (120 min)

Hands on testing: 30 min for each student, to include restraint, injection by IV(dog) and IP(cat), VOD and disposal.

Classroom time: 6.0 hours (test time is not counted for CE hours)

Hands on time: .5 hours per student

Total course time/CE hours: 6.5 hours of CE credit for an initial student/ 6.0 for a review student

This course will be held on 10/04/18 at 910 W 42nd St, Odessa, TX 79768. The course instructor will be Paul O'Neill and the cost will be \$120. Payment can be made the morning of class. To register, contact Paul O'Neill at 915-888-7619 or paul.oneill@cityofdenton.com.

This course will include information on the following topics that are required by Ch. 821 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

- The pharmacology, proper administration, and storage of euthanasia solutions (Session 1, 4 and 5)
- Federal and state law regulating the storage and accountability of euthanasia solutions (Session 1)
- Euthanasia technician stress management (Session 1 and 6)
- Proper restraint and handling of an animal during euthanasia (Session 2 and 5)
- Procedures for administering commercially compressed carbon monoxide to an animal (Session 6)
- Techniques for verifying an animal's death (Session 3)
- Proper disposal of a euthanized animal (Session 2)

Animal welfare employees that are performing euthanasia, whether in the shelter or in the field, are required to have this training every 3 years. The hours from this training will apply to your 30 hours that are required every 3 years to maintain your DSHS Basic Animal Control Officer training. If a participant wants to provide feedback on this course and/or its sponsor, comments can be either mailed to the Training Course Coordinator, Zoonosis Control, Texas Department of State Health Services, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas, 78756 or emailed to The.Vet@dshs.state.tx.us.