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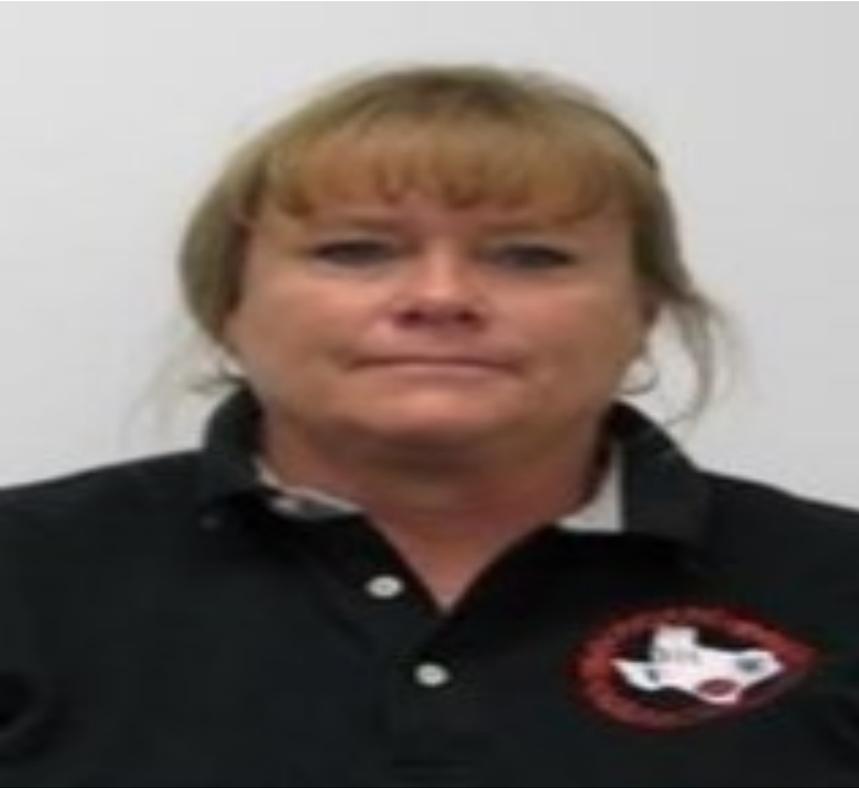
NEWSLETTER



Spring is in the air!

Quick Reminders

- Texas Unites Conference is April 22-24
- Remember Flea and Tick season is upon us
- TCCI Courses beginning in April
- Mosquitoes are Coming!!



President-Donna Overton

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Folks,

First and foremost I would like to take the time out to say that I am both honored and excited to serve as your 2017 TACA President and I would also like to extend a very special thanks to all those that voted for me. It is with much gratitude that I announce that the South Padre Island conference was a success, filled with motivating speakers and outstanding members that are dedicated to working hard to ensure the overall success of this organization. Member commitment and dedication is the heart and soul that keeps TACA going and I am so happy to work together with each one of you to add to the accomplishments we have made thus far.

In this day and age the internet is the go to resource for nearly everyone and with that being said it is vital that we guarantee that our new website is well maintained and running properly to ensure access to the latest information, easy online registration, and other great resources.

The success of this group is solely attributed to the dedicated members that work hard and contribute their time to the TACA organization. With that in mind it is important to remember that in order to further our success we need to increase membership and continue to work together. As your President, I invite you to encourage those around you to become a contributing member of our great organization.

I look forward to working toward and enhancing member services, and always welcome any new ideas and suggestions for improvements. I can't wait to embark on this adventure with you all and again I would like to thank each of you for choosing to be a TACA member. My door is always open and I am here for each and every one of you so please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely Yours,
Donna Overton
TACA President

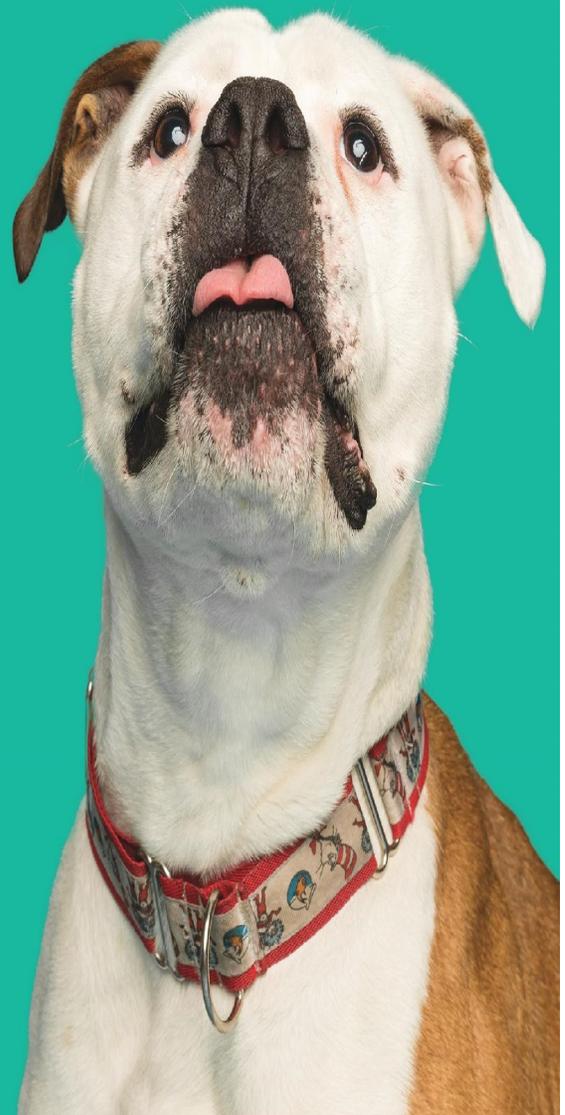
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[2017 TCCI COURSE SCHEDULE](#)

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[Course 201](#)-Lewisville-September 15&16

[Course 301](#)-Abilene-November 5

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MEET A TACA MEMBER

Let me introduce to everyone, Keri Zombory of Friendswood, Texas. She began her career as an Animal Control Officer with the City of Friendswood a little over 2 years ago. She is a caring person who loves being an Animal Control Officer.

When she began this career she only had experience with her family dog and friends' cats. Since she began she has become acquainted with some of Texas wildlife such as bats, bobcats, alligators, opossums, skunks, racoons, and various snakes. She has learned to administer shots to both cats and dogs. She has also assisted in the birth of 4 litter of puppies of dogs that have entered the shelter.

She is always willing to learn new skills to help her in the field as well as trying to get the animals adopted from the shelter. She has no problem lending a helping hand whenever she is needed.



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2017 85th Session of Texas Legislative Bills, Animal Related, That Have Been Filed

HOUSE BILLS

HB 162– Relating to conditions of community supervision for defendants convicted of certain criminal offenses involving animals

HB 233– Relating to the exception of certain information related to the humane disposition by a municipality or county of an animal from required disclosure under the public information law.

HB 401– Relating to civil or criminal liability for leaving certain animals unattended in or removing certain individuals or animals from a motor vehicle. (Dogs in hot cars)

HB 478– Relating to civil liability for removing certain individuals or animals from a motor vehicle. (Dogs in hot cars)

HB 748– Relating to certain costs associated with certain court proceedings for cruelly treated animals; authorizing fees and costs. (Seizure Bill)

HB 749– Relating to a central database containing information about certain persons who have been convicted of or received a grant deferred adjudication community supervision for certain offenses involving animal cruelty; creating a criminal offense. (Animal Cruelty database)

HB 904– Relating to the classification of exotic and nongame animals

HB 996– Relating to the regulation of business entities that provide assistance animals; providing civil penalty

HB 1087– Relating to the creation of the offense of bestiality

HB 1107– Relating to county regulation of roadside vendors and solicitors.

HB 1156– Relating to the unlawful restraint of a dog; creating an offense. (Tethering bill)

SENATE BILLS

SB 69– Relating to civil or criminal liability for leaving certain animals unattended in or removing certain individuals or animals from a motor vehicle. (Dogs in Hot Cars) 1/24– Read and referred to committee; committee/chair: State affairs, Joan Huffman, Texas Senate SHB 380, Austin, TX 78701, 512-463-0380, Clerk: Addison Reagan

SB 188– Relating to civil or criminal liability for transporting in, confining in, or removing from a motor vehicle certain animals. (Dogs in Hot Cars) 1/25– Read and referred to committee

Please check on our website for future updates as well as the status

If there is any details that anyone would like to discuss, update, or want brought up please contact Ethel Strother, TACA Legislative Committee Chairperson at 972-219-3478 or email: estrother@cityoflewesville.com

Spring Time is Here!!

With all the beauty that comes with this gorgeous time of year we also have the rapid multiplying of animals and pests. It's time for fleas, ticks and mosquitoes to come out full force. Remember,



treat your yards and animals against these pesky pests to prevent the spread of diseases and heartworms. When you let your animals out to play give them a quick glance over on their way in the house for ticks to prevent Lyme disease be spread to you or your animals. We Hope everyone has a safe and fun Spring!

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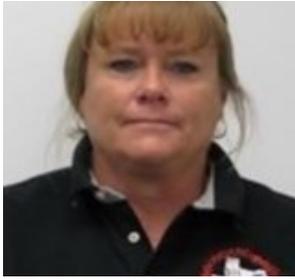


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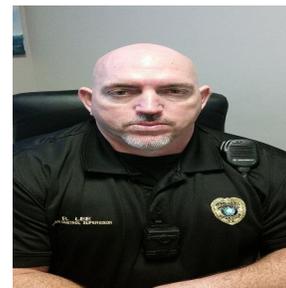
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