



CODE OF ETHICS FOR MAINE ANIMAL CONTROL ASSOCIATION

- Promote the welfare and protection of all animals in the community.
- Provide and strive for a level of service based on their communities' needs. Identify and develop services to eliminate the overpopulation of companion animals and promote responsible pet ownership.
- Ensure that all animals impounded are provided with a humane and appropriate level of care including a clean environment, fresh water, adequate nutrition and appropriate medical care.
- Provide injured and diseased animals with immediate care in accordance with state and local laws.
- Ensure that the disposition of all animals is by reunification with identified owners, by responsible adoptions or humane euthanasia.
- Provide their staff members with training, including state-mandated training to ensure a high level of job professionalism.
- Ensure that all animals are humanely handled when euthanized, employing only approved and humane methods of euthanasia.
- Comply with all federal, state and local laws.
- Work cooperatively with all agencies within their community.
- Develop and monitor internal policy and procedure.
- Maintain accurate records on all animals, and all activities.
- Provide the public with honest and truthful information regarding animal populations, and disposition of animals, including euthanasia.
- Support the policies of the Maine Animal Control Association as outlined in the By-Laws.