

**Items and Issues for the event:**

- Held the 2<sup>nd</sup> full week in April
- Mon – Sun, April 11 – 17, 2010
- Offers government leaders an opportunity to recognize Animal Control Officers and Animal Control agencies
- Rewards hard work by Animal Control agencies
- Promotes productivity
- Advocates for better standards
- Fosters good public relations in communities
- Improves image and attitude
- Helps reduce employee fatigue and turnover
- Encourages leadership within Animal Control agencies

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**Animal Control Officer  
Appreciation Week  
April 11 - 17, 2010!**



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**A national event  
to provide  
appreciation for  
Animal Control  
Officers**

**A week to promote professionalism in your community**



Animal Control Officers risk their lives every day with more one-on-one contact with the public than any other public safety employee!

**Celebrate National Animal Control Appreciation Week!**

The National Animal Control Association is proud to provide a great event that includes a national effort to celebrate and promote the continuing advancement in professionalism of Animal Control. As with other events designed to promote specific groups, professions, or other important causes, NACA is pleased to provide all the necessary encouragement for all localities who would like to show their appreciation to their Animal Control agency or for all Animal Control agencies to have a special week of their own to show off their pride and get the recognition for the important services these agencies provide all over the world.

**This week of appreciation will finally give some recognition towards -**

the hard-working men and women of Animal Control that risk their lives and spend huge amounts of personnel resources including time away from family and friends while serving the public like all the other public safety and law enforcement agencies involved and empowered with the same duties.

This will be the week that these hard working and dedicated Animal Control Officers can finally be honored by having the whole community say, "Thank You", for helping when no one else would or would even know how to.

Most communities can kick off the event by issuing a public proclamation from a ranking official at a public meeting or press conference highlighting the challenging duties that Animal Control Officers perform each day. These officers risk life and limb by spending thousands of hours per man and woman protecting the lives in the community through rabies prevention as well as facing dangerous animals and animal owners. They protect the welfare of helpless animals and pets that are rescued from injury, disease, and starvation, and give sanctuary to the millions of homeless animals that society allows to multiply and then sometimes literally throws away on the street like so much trash.

Other local departments, community organizations, and businesses can become involved in this event and show their support by sponsoring a lunch, meal, or send flowers, balloons or a signed "thank you" card for the officers of a certain shift during any particular day during that week. During this week an "ACO of the Year" award could be presented in public by a ranking government or community official with plaque or certificate - or both. Also, during this week the surrounding public could be contacted through local media to inform the community of the services provided by Animal Control and educate as many people as possible of the immense effort expended by their Animal Control Officers with few or limited resources when compared to other larger public safety departments. The final day of the week could culminate with a "cake and punch" appreciation party held at a large reception area for all of the Animal Control agency personnel with special emphasis placed on all the officers and their individual special talents as performed throughout the previous year.

