



To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA), I am pleased to offer our full support for the recognition of Animal Control Officer (ACO) Appreciation Week, observed annually during the second full week of April.

Animal Control Officers play a critical and often underrecognized role in maintaining safe, humane, and healthy communities. These dedicated professionals serve at the intersection of public safety, animal welfare, and community engagement. Their responsibilities include responding to emergency calls, investigating animal cruelty and neglect, enforcing local and state laws, supporting disaster response efforts, protecting public health, and providing education to the communities they serve.

The work of Animal Control Officers is both demanding and essential. They routinely navigate complex and emotionally challenging situations with professionalism, compassion, and integrity. Their efforts not only protect animals but also contribute significantly to community safety and quality of life.

NACA strongly encourages local governments, municipalities, and community leaders to formally recognize ACO Appreciation Week through an official proclamation. Such recognition helps to:

- Honor the dedication and service of Animal Control Officers
- Increase public awareness of their vital role
- Promote community support for animal care and control services
- Highlight the importance of humane and effective animal management practices

We commend and support agencies and communities that take the time to acknowledge these professionals and their contributions.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of those who serve both people and animals in your community.

Sincerely,

Jerrica Owen, CAWA
Chief Executive Officer
National Animal Care and Control Association



[Date]

[Recipient Name]

[Title]

[City/Town Name]

[Address]

Dear [Recipient Name/City Council Members/Mayor ____],

On behalf of [Your Organization/Agency Name], I am writing to respectfully request your consideration in issuing an official proclamation recognizing Animal Control Officer (ACO) Appreciation Week, observed annually during the second full week of April each year.

Animal Control Officers serve a vital role in our communities, often working behind the scenes to ensure the safety and well-being of both residents and animals. Their responsibilities extend far beyond enforcement—they provide education, respond to emergencies, investigate cruelty and neglect cases, reunite lost pets with their families, and support public health through disease prevention and community outreach.

This profession requires compassion, resilience, and a strong commitment to service. ACOs frequently encounter challenging and emotional situations, yet they remain dedicated to protecting those who cannot speak for themselves while also serving the broader community.

Establishing an official proclamation would:

- Recognize the important contributions of Animal Control Officers
- Raise public awareness about the scope and impact of their work
- Show appreciation for their dedication and service
- Strengthen community support for animal welfare and public safety initiatives

We would be honored if [City/Town Name] would join other communities across the country in acknowledging Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week and celebrating the professionals who serve in this critical role.

I would be happy to provide any additional information or draft proclamation language if helpful. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Title]

[Organization/Agency Name]

[Contact Information]