



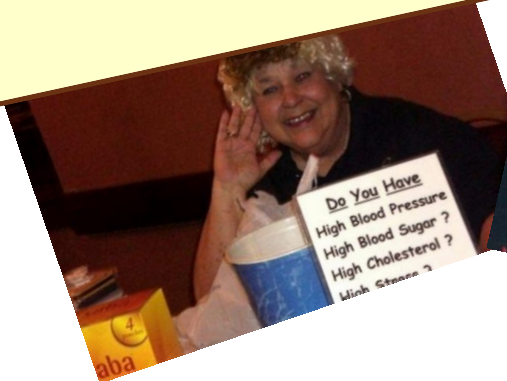
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She's retiring from TACA, for over 30 years Charlotte Roy has been a dedicated member, officer, board member and worked for TACA as the treasurer. She has managed TACA's funds with professionalism, consideration and been meticulous to her job. She has made us laugh, made us cry (from laughing so hard), she's been a mentor, a leader, educator, and a friend. The registration table will not be the same without Charlottes greeting and wit for each that she would welcome to the conference. There will be one less stalker in the "Silent Auction" room at the conference. Her encouraging words to the Animal Control Olympians will be missed. We wish you health, happiness and forever to have laughter in your heart. We love you Char and will miss you.



Letter from the president.....



Hey All,

Just got back from Nacogdoches for the East Texas Seminar. I would like to thank Jamie Shelton and Cathy Clark for coordinating it for us. A lot of effort went into setting up "Disaster City". There was some initial confusion getting incident command straight, but what disaster have you ever responded to that there wasn't some confusion. By the end of the second day, everyone was getting on the radios and getting things taken care of. Disaster City was at the Nacogdoches Expo Center and it was an ideal place to have this kind of hands on training. Their staff was very accommodating and they do a great job managing the facility. Having this type of training at the beginning of hurricane season should help responders prepare for the what ifs. It is predicted that this year will have a high number of hurricanes since it is a La Nina year. I find that a bit hard to buy into since most of Texas has been in drought conditions, but that is the forecast. I am afraid we will be seeing more animals suffering, especially the livestock. I am sure that some of you have already seen an increase in the complaints of thin animals.

We are getting closer to having the new features on the web site ready for the members to use. This has taken longer than we anticipated but it will be nice when you can log on and register for seminars and conferences or just to check on our continuing education hours.

I would also like to take a moment and give Charlotte Roy a heartfelt thank you. As many of you know she has served the Association for many years in the capacity of our Treasurer **and as a past president**. Charlotte has decided to retire. When you have the opportunity please take a moment and let her know how much you appreciate her. In honoring that request, the Board posted a Request For Proposal and Mary Rushing will be taking over the treasurer duties as of July. The month of June will be used to make the transition and everyone will try to make it as smooth as possible. Contact information will be changing so everyone will need to update their information as it becomes available. The web site will be the best place to check on that. Please make Mary welcome when you see her at our seminars and conferences. I am grateful for both these ladies.

The next training seminar will be in South Padre so hope to see you there.

Be Safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patti Stepp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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News From Across TEXAS



TACA's East Texas region hosted a 2 day disaster drill at the Nacogdoches County Exposition Center. The drill was designed to give attendees hands on experience during a natural or manmade disaster. During the 2 day class, attendees set up and

utilized a mock emergency operations center with other attendees "recovering" stuffed animals from the field. The Scenario was tornadoes and flooding in Disaster City. Along with this scenario, many other scenarios unfolded allowing them to use their expertise while working with the EOC to recover the animals that were stranded in the disaster. Attendees were given the opportunity to role play in many different positions and scenarios throughout the drill giving them the insight to the workings of the Incident Command Systems and the EOC.

Committee Reports

TACA AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Submitted by Vice President Fred Sanderson, Fred is also the Awards Committee Chairman.

Each year at the TACA Annual Conference, awards are presented to outstanding organizations and individuals. TACA is requesting nominations for various awards. In addition to specifically set guidelines, nominations must include the following: Name, address, and phone number of nominee, resume or background information; nomination category; justification or reason for nomination; name, address and phone number of person and organization or agency who will accept the award if nominee is chosen by the TACA Board; and information on the person submitting the nomination. The following form is provided to make it easier for you to prepare and submit nominations. A brief overview of the criteria to be met for each award is as follows:

Warren J. Kilpatrick Award

The Warren J. Kilpatrick Award is presented every year to someone who has demonstrated outstanding work in the animal care and control profession.

1. Should be a three-year consecutive member of TACA
2. Should be affiliated directly with animal control
3. Should have worked in the field of animal control for five years.
4. Contributions should impact the animal control profession statewide.
5. Awarded one time over an individuals career in animal care and control.

Coy D. Willis Award

The Coy D. Willis Award is presented every year to someone who has, through his or her actions, performed duties above and beyond in the administration and management of an animal care and control agency.

1. The individual will have demonstrated the ability to operate a progressive agency through animal replacement, ordinances, spay-neuter programs, enforcement, and education.
2. The nominee should have an active membership status of three years.
3. Recipients of this award can be re-nominated for further contributions after a five year period has lapsed.

Media Award

This award is presented yearly to an individual or organization that has presented animal control and animal welfare in an accurate and positive manner. This award is given to a radio or television station, newspaper or magazine or to someone who works in that field for either a single outstanding piece or for on-going programs that promote responsible pet ownership, spay/neuter programs, and other programs that depict animal care and control professionals in a positive light and promote the profession, while reflecting the professional credibility of animal control activities. Recipients of this award can be re-nominated for further contributions after a five year period has lapsed.

Humane Educator Award

The Humane Educator Award is given every year to recognize outstanding agencies and people in the animal care and control profession who promote humane education to the children and adults in their own community or in the state. Recipients of this award can be re-nominated for further contributions after a five year period has lapsed.

James Vyers Field Officer Award

This award is given yearly to an outstanding animal control officer who has, through his or her actions, performed duties above and beyond what is normally required or has consistently performed at a professional level, representing his or her agency in a professional manner at all times. Recipients of this award can be re-nominated for further contributions after a five year period has lapsed.

Volunteer of the Year Award

TACA offers an Outstanding Volunteer Award which is given for outstanding volunteer services.

1. The nominee shall be someone who is not directly employed in animal control, a volunteer in animal welfare services.
2. The nominee shall have demonstrated exceptional dedication or performed outstanding work beyond the requirements of his/her volunteer position.
3. To nominate one for this award, you must work with, or have direct first hand knowledge of the nominee. Support or services provided by the nominee shall have directly benefited your agency or organization.

Brenda May Scholarship Award

This \$250.00 scholarship is awarded to a member or member's child, who meet the requirements.

1. A written essay concerning how the scholarship will be used, the school they are planning to attend, and the reason they feel that they should receive the scholarship.
2. SAT and/or ACT scores and high school grade point average will be required. If the student received any honors while attending school, these should also be included.
3. The member should hold an active membership status for at least twenty-four months prior to the recommendation.
4. The scholarship can only be awarded for use on the entrance level in an accredited school of higher learning.

Virginia Eureste Training Grant Program

Training grants are provided by the Association to fund the attendance of an employee of an animal control or animal welfare organization (humane society, other) at the annual conference. TACA will pay hotel room (3 nights) registration fee at the annual conference and allow \$65.00 for meals.

1. Any employee of an animal control or animal welfare organization who is an active member in the Association is eligible to submit an application for grant funding.
2. The person must have been employed in any capacity by an animal control or welfare organization for a minimum of six months.
3. Recipients of this award can be re-nominated after a three year period has lapsed.

W.R. Bilderback, D.V.M. Award

In 1991, TACA developed the W.R. Bilderback Award. This award goes to a veterinarian who has rendered outstanding service and is a staunch advocate of the animal control profession. Recipients of this award can be re-nominated for further contributions after a five year period has lapsed.

Hank Brock Equipment Grant

This \$250.00 grant is given yearly for equipment that is used in the animal welfare profession to an agency in a city or county with a population of less than 25,000. Recipients receive this award one time over an individuals' career in animal care and control.

Texas Animal Control & Welfare Agencies Award

___Agencies in cities or counties with a population over 100,000

___Agencies in cities or counties with a population over 50,000, but less than 100,000

___Agencies in cities or counties with a population over 25,000, but less than 50,000

___Agencies of cities or counties with a population less than 25,000

1. Sixty percent (60%) on animal control or animal welfare personnel shall be active members of TACA
2. Agency has an effective employee development program.
3. Agency should be involved in public awareness.
4. Agency, where applicable, must submit letter of recommendation from a regional veterinarian to attest to the facilities' compliance with the Shelter Act.
5. Agency has made improvements. This may include improvement to facilities, handling of animal enforcement and efficiency of personnel.
6. Agencies receiving this award can be re-nominated for continued improvements after a five year period has lapsed.

TACA NOMINATIONS APPLICATION

Please enter an "X" next to the category of your nomination and complete the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Warren J. Kilpatrick Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Coy D. Willis Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Media Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Humane Educator Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> James Vyers Field Officer Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer of the Year Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brenda May Scholarship Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Eureste Training Grant Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> W.R. Bilderback, D.V.M. Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Hank Brock Equipment Grant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Animal Control & Welfare Agencies Award | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25,000 to 50,000 (But less than 50,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50,000 to 100,000 (But less than 100,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 100,000 |

Name and title of nominee: _____ Address of Nominee: _____

Phone number of Nominee work _____ Cell _____

Please include a narrative of accomplishments/performance following the criteria guidelines, limited to 1,000 words or less at 10 point font; use additional sheets, if needed; all attachments must be included with this form, with no more than 5 pages allowed.

Your name and title: _____ Your address: _____

Your phone number work _____ Cell _____

Your signature: _____

Mail your nominations to: Committee Chairman Fred Sanderson, 4140 Valley View LN, Irving, TX 75038, contact info; fsanderson@cityofirving.org or 972-721-2258



How Long Does It Take For A Car to Get Hot? *

Outside	Car	Time to Reach
75	100	10 minutes
75	120	30 minutes
85	90	5 minutes
85	100	7-10 minutes
85	120	30 minutes
100	140	15 minutes

* compiled by DFPS from various national sources

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