



Membership is limited

Members must be personnel from law enforcement and criminal justice agencies; personnel from organizations with existing programs that aid law enforcement and the prevention of animal cruelty; and personnel such as veterinarians or related professionals trained in detecting and diagnosing animal cruelty, treating animal victims, human offenders or providing public education.

ACT is NOT an animal rights organization.

ACT is a nonpolitical coalition of organizations who share the mutual goals of protecting animals and human beings from violent crime through the utilization of existing laws; prosecuting or rehabilitating offenders; providing public education or services to the animal and human victims of violent crime.

ACT is NOT an investigative organization.

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**ANIMAL CRUELTY TASKFORCE
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To leave a message on the
Animal Cruelty Taskforce message line
please call (520) 547-0260 or
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Animal Cruelty Taskforce of Southern Arizona (ACT)

What is ACT and
how to get involved



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covered in cactus needles*

MISSION STATEMENT

ACT was created to increase awareness of animal cruelty laws in southern Arizona; to enhance and coordinate enforcement of animal cruelty laws; and to educate law enforcement, animal care professionals and other interested agencies in aspects of animal cruelty and the relationship of animal cruelty to other forms of assaultive behavior.

WHY WAS ACT CREATED?

In August 1999, the Arizona legislature and governor adopted an act amending Arizona Revised Statutes sections 11-1023 and 13-2910 relating to violence toward animals. This act, better known as the animal cruelty felony law, changed the penalties for those committing animal cruelty from a Class One Misdemeanor to a Class Six Felony. ACT was partially created to help law enforcement personnel understand and successfully use this new law. Additionally,

WILL ACT ACCEPT DONATIONS?

Of course! Funds for ACT are administered by the Humane Society of Southern Arizona so all donations are tax-deductible. Contributions should be mailed to the Humane Society of Southern Arizona, ATTN: Animal Cruelty Taskforce, 635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson, Arizona. 85705. Please make checks payable to the Humane Society of Southern Arizona and write "ACT" in the memo area. 100% of donations are used to enhance enforcement or provide public education on the subject of animal cruelty.

DOES ACT INVESTIGATE CRIMES AGAINST ANIMALS?

ACT is not an investigative organization, although many of its member organizations are. The taskforce's primary purpose is to provide public education and training to professional organizations. ACT may assist existing police, animal control agencies and other investigative organizations with their public mandate to protect animals from neglect and abuse.

WHO ARE THE MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF ACT?

Membership to the Animal Cruelty Taskforce of Southern Arizona is limited to personnel from law enforcement and criminal justice agencies; personnel from organizations with existing programs that aid law enforcement and the prevention of animal cruelty; and personnel such as veterinarians or related professionals trained in detecting and diagnosing animal cruelty, treating animal victims, human offenders or providing public education.

IS MEMBERSHIP IN ACT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OR LAYPEOPLE?

No. The taskforce is open only to professionals working in the fields of law enforcement, criminal justice, animal protection or related fields. ACT does not accept laypeople as members, but if you are a professional working in the fields of law enforcement, criminal justice, animal control, veterinary medicine, emergency services or animal protection in southern Arizona, you are invited to contact us about membership.

DOES ACT PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS?

Yes, if ACT members are available they will provide educational presentations to neighborhood watch, homeowners associations, school groups, church groups or other organizations.. Regular outreach programs on the subject of animal cruelty are available through the following organization: Humane Society of Southern Arizona's Community Outreach Department.

IF I AM FROM A QUALIFYING ORGANIZATION, HOW DO I APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP?

You may visit www.act-az.org and follow the instructions under membership. You may also send a cover letter and current resume to Mike Duffey, ACT Co-Chair, c/o Humane Society of Southern Arizona, 635 West Roger Road, Tucson, Arizona 85705. Your cover letter should explain your interest in membership and disclose any affiliations you have with animal rights groups or other political organizations that deal with animal issues. A panel of current ACT members will review new or unsolicited applications for their appropriateness. Applicants will be contacted by phone or mail as to the acceptance or rejection of their application.

For more information visit
www.HSSAZ.org/ACT

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