

2026 APPROVED HUMANE INVESTIGATOR TRAINING APPLICATION

Illinois Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Animal Health & Welfare

TRAINING INFORMATION

Trainings are scheduled for November 16, 2026 in Springfield and November 18, 2026 in Des Plaines.

Training Location (select one): _____

APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

The below completed application, letter of sponsorship, letter of recommendation from a licensed veterinarian and verification of education should be submitted by November 2nd, 2026 via email to AGR.AHI@illinois.gov. Please note if you have completed testing before and provided your education verification at that time, you do not need to resubmit it for this training. However, new sponsorship letters as well as veterinary recommendation letters are required each training cycle. Incomplete applications will not be registered so please be sure to submit the complete packet.

APPLICATION

Applicant Name: _____

Email: _____

Name of Sponsoring Agency: _____

Sponsor Address: _____

Sponsor City: _____ Sponsor Zip Code: _____

Sponsor County _____ Sponsor Phone: _____

Counties where investigations will be conducted: _____

VERIFICATION OF EDUCATION, SPONSORSHIP LETTER AND VETERINARIAN LETTER MUST BE ATTACHED

Check the type of education attached and attach documentation (i.e. copy of diploma, transcript, other):

____ High School Diploma or Equivalent (GED) ____ Secondary Education (College)

☐ Please check here if you have previously submitted your education verification

Name of Veterinarian: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____

☐ By checking this box I verify that I will only investigate species for which I have two years of experience (raising, caring for, breeding)

☐ Please check this box if you have at least 2 years of equine experience and will be taking the equine portion of the training and exam

Please provide a brief description of your education and experience, formal and practical, pertaining to animal care: _____

The undersigned, who is an applicant for the examination procedure and the designation as an Approved Humane Investigator under the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act, recognizes and agrees to the following:

1. The credential, which will be issued after successful completion of the examination, is the property of the State of Illinois.
2. The credential shall be returned to the Department upon disassociation with the humane society, suspension of appointment by the Department or voluntary surrender of appointment by the applicant. Upon request, a formal hearing will be scheduled if the investigator wishes to appeal the suspension.

Applicant Signature: _____

Please send completed application and all supporting documents to

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