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Animal Shelters & Animal Controls,

It is once again time to begin applying for the Humane Investigator Training Seminar and Examination. Anyone that your organization wishes to sponsor must complete the application at the link below and submit it to the email provided with the additional required documentation.

<https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/animal-welfare.html>

Two training dates and locations will be offered. The first training will be offered on Monday, November 16th in Springfield. The second will fall on Wednesday, November 18th in Des Plaines. The trainings will begin at 9:00 AM with check in starting at 8:00 AM. Any changes to schedule will be provided to registered attendees as the date approaches. Please ensure that you include a functioning email on your application to receive communications.

November 16th
(limit 100)

Illinois Department of Agriculture
801 Sangamon Avenue, Auditorium
Springfield, IL

November 18th
(limit 100)

CMS N. Suburban Facility
9511 Harrison Street, Room LGI
Des Plaines, IL

Your organization must provide a letter of sponsorship as part of the application for **each** person sponsored. The application, letter of sponsorship, letter of recommendation from a licensed veterinarian and verification of education must be submitted for **each** applicant to AGR.AHI@Illinois.gov by November 2nd. The application can be found at <https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/animal-welfare.html>. If you have sent in verification of education for past trainings, you don't have to re-submit. However, you must submit the remaining documents in full, even if you have completed training previously. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit a complete application. Incomplete applications will not be registered for training. Please do not submit an application that is not complete, all materials should be included in your application.

Questions for the examination will be based on the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act. You may access the Act located at the ilga.gov website and/or Department of Agriculture website at: <https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/animal-health-welfare-laws.html>. Scroll down and click on the Humane Care for Animals Act.

For further information, please send an email to AGR.AHI@Illinois.gov. We look forward to seeing you at training.

Sincerely,
Bureau of Animal Health & Welfare