



**SECTION 32. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**32.5 ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION**

**32.5.5 ANIMAL CONTROL CERTIFICATION COURSE**

**A. GENERAL POLICY**

(1) Section 20.131, Seminole County Code, provides that training and qualifications of employees in the Animal Services Division who will be designated as Enforcement Officers shall be established by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

(2) Section 828.27, Florida Statutes, requires that County-employed animal control officers shall complete a minimum forty (40) hour training curriculum approved by the Florida Animal Control Association and a 1-hour training course developed by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) pursuant to Section 39.208(5), Florida Statutes.

(3) The Board of County Commissioners has received and reviewed the training curriculum of the Animal Control Certification Course, as approved by the Florida Animal Control Association.

(4) In accordance with adoption of Resolution No. 92-R-146 on May 26, 1992, the Florida Animal Control Association approved Animal Control Certification Course is hereby established as the minimum training standard for Animal Control Officers in Seminole County.

**B. PROCEDURES.**

(1) Newly employed Animal Control Officers must successfully complete the Animal Control Certification Course and a 1-hour DCF training course within the first twelve (12) months of employment.

(2) In addition to the Certification Course, Animal Control Officers will undergo a comprehensive training program for a period of ninety (90) days or until the employee meets the requirements established by the Animal Control Official.

(3) Enforcement powers will be granted by the Animal Control Official to the Animal Control Officer after successful completion of the Animal Control Certification Course and the ninety (90) day comprehensive training program.

(4) The Animal Control Official Reserves the right to limit or remove enforcement powers from the employee based upon employee's performance.

**C. AUTHORITY.** Resolution 92-R-146 adopted May 26, 1992  
Resolution 2012-R-107 adopted June 12, 2012  
Resolution 2023-R-118 adopted October 24, 2023