

Continuing Education

at St. Louis Community College

Spring 2014

Opportunity Knocks



Open the door
to a new YOU!

Dog Sports: K9 Nose Work (without the dog)

This class is the same as ANIM 706 M03, without the dog. If you would like to learn to play this sport with your dog but due to your dog's shy, nervous, or reactive behavior aren't comfortable bringing him/her to a multi-dog activity, you are welcome to register to attend for yourself, to learn and watch and do the exercises with your dog at home.

ANIM:706 | \$59

M04 W 7:30pm-8:45pm
March 5 - April 9

Sandra Ellison
RiverChase of Fenton

Advanced K9 Nose Work: Vehicle Searches and Exterior Hides

If you and your dog loved our DogSports K9 Nosework course, you'll love the new challenges presented in these follow-up sessions. This advanced course will introduce new elements used in trials, though competition is not the goal or a requirement. Class will be held outdoors (weather permitting) and will include both exterior "hides" and vehicle searches. The trainer will also work on your ability to read your dog. These new search areas will be both challenging and more exciting for the dog and handler. Give your sniff-loving canine new skills. Prerequisite: Dogs must have successfully completed the beginning K9 Nose Work course.

ANIM:706 | \$59

M02 W 6pm-7pm
March 5 - April 9

Sandra Ellison
RiverChase of Fenton

Dog Training: Basic Skills and Manners for the Family Dog

Do you walk your dog or does your dog walk you? If your time is limited and your budget won't spare the expense of private lessons, this is the perfect alternative! This course in basic skills and manners will give you and your dog a good introduction to beginning obedience commands over a period of 6 weeks. Accomplish your training goals quickly and start getting those behavior problems under control. Class topics also touch on basic grooming, vaccinations, flea/tick control and traveling in the car. Bring your questions! Dog must be at least 6 months old and proof of vaccinations is required. Bring dog to first class. No class 4/19.

ANIM:706 | \$69

M05 Sa 11am-12:30pm
March 22 - May 3

Susan Baxter-Carr
RiverChase of Fenton

Cats: Understanding Them Better

Does your cat have you curious and wondering? Join us for an informative evening, designed just for cat owners. Our veterinarian will discuss the development, health, and behavior of domestic cats with emphasis on why cats behave as they do, how you might train a cat, and the health care of your pet.

ANIM:710 | \$19

750 W 6:30pm-9:30pm
Feb. 26

Dr. Gerald Williams
Kirkwood Sr. H.S., NW139

How to Become Part of a Therapy Pet Team

If your pet is obedience trained, has a loving temperament and you want to help others, you and your pet can visit the elderly in nursing homes, children in hospitals, or other groups as part of a therapy team. Have you wondered what it takes to become part of a therapy pet team? Explore this wonderful volunteer activity for you and your pet. Even if you don't have a pet, this class can prepare you to work with a therapy pet team. Do not bring your pet to class.

ANIM:765 | \$19

350 Th 7pm-9pm
March 6

Susan Baxter-Carr
WW, 201

Animal Welfare Assistant Certificate

Classes may be taken individually, or as part of the Animal Welfare Assistant Certificate Program for initial training and preparation for work in a range of public and private animal welfare agencies and organizations. Presented in partnership with the APA of Missouri, Humane Society of Missouri, and St. Louis County Animal Care & Control.

Career and Volunteer Opportunities in Animal Welfare Agencies

Animals are wonderful. If you agree, you may have thought about working with them (or for their welfare). If you've considered the possibility of a career or volunteer position in the wide world of animal welfare but aren't sure where you fit into the picture, this class can help you sort through the possibilities. You'll learn about the personal rewards and benefits of working directly with animals as well as things you can do indirectly (and locally) for their benefit. This class can be taken by itself, or as part of the Animal Welfare Assistant Certificate Program for initial training/preparation for work in a range of public and private animal welfare agencies and organizations.

ANIM:741 | \$29

650 Tu 7pm-9:30pm
Feb. 18

MC - SO, 108

Investigations, Rescues, Legalities, and Legislative Issues in Animal Welfare

Here's your chance to hear first-hand accounts from the real world of animal welfare investigations and rescues. You'll find out how investigators work and how animal welfare agencies and the law handle violations. You'll learn about the legal issues (how does our society define "adequate care and control" of animals?) as well as advocacy and legislation related to animal welfare. This class can be taken by itself, or as part of the Animal Welfare Assistant Certificate Program for initial training/preparation for work in a range of public and private animal welfare agencies and organizations.

ANIM:741 | \$29

651 Tu 7pm-9:30pm
March 4

MC - SO, 108

The People Ingredient: Working in an Animal Welfare Organization

If you're thinking about working or volunteering in an animal welfare agency, you'll need a variety of important "people" skills. There are so many possibilities: you may be matching pets with new families, working with people surrendering their pets, fielding lots of questions, educating adults and kids in the community, or interacting with other agency staff. In this class, you'll gain an overview of many of the skills you'll need to perform a variety of tasks within animal welfare organizations. There are many joys and rewards to working in animal welfare, but some sadness, too, so we'll share with you our ways of coping with the inevitable heart-breaking side of the business. This class can be taken by itself, or as part of the Animal Welfare Assistant Certificate Program for initial training/preparation for work in a range of public and private animal welfare agencies and organizations.

ANIM:741 | \$29

652 Tu 7pm-9:30pm
April 1

MC - SO, 108

Animal Welfare and the Humane Movement

What does the term "animal welfare" bring to your mind? There are different facets of "animal welfare", and the work of animal welfare agencies in the St. Louis metro area are built on different viewpoints. In this class you'll get insight into the history of the animal welfare/humane movement in the United States and where we are today. Pet over-population issues are an influential force so solutions to this pivotal concern will be presented. Lastly, humane education is a critical part of the animal welfare world, benefitting people as well as our animal community by impacting character development. This class can be taken by itself, or as part of the Animal Welfare Assistant Certificate Program for initial training/preparation for work in a range of public and private animal welfare agencies and organizations.

ANIM:741 | \$29

653 Tu 7pm-9:30pm
March 25

MC - SO, 108

Getting to Know Us: St. Louis Animal Welfare Organizations

St. Louis has many large and small organizations of all types involved in animal welfare activities, such as rescues and shelters, adoptions, pet food pantries, emergency and investigation teams, clinics, advocacy groups, and more. They all have different roles, approaches, and ways of operating but it takes everyone in the community to meet the needs of our local animals. The good news is that there are a wide range of animal welfare-related activities in the St. Louis metro area and opportunities for involvement for people with a variety of interests and skills (like you!). A panel of representatives from local agencies will present their stories and answer your questions. This class can be taken by itself, or as part of the Animal Welfare Assistant Certificate Program for initial training/preparation for work in a range of public and private animal welfare agencies and organizations.

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654 Tu 7pm-9:30pm
April 22

MC - SO, 108

Animal Care Basics for Animal Welfare Workers

In this class it's all about the animals! We'll cover basic health considerations, including prevention measures and spay/neuter issues. Acquiring some knowledge of animal behavior is a vital key to safe handling for yourself and the animals you work with. You'll learn about caring and feeding a variety of animals, including what to do in disaster situations to assure their safety and well-being. You'll hear from several shelters, who'll explain their basic animal care-taking operations. If you're interested in working directly with animals, this class is a must! This class can be taken by itself, or as part of the Animal Welfare Assistant Certificate Program for initial training/preparation for work in a range of public and private animal welfare agencies and organizations.

ANIM:741 | \$29

655 Tu 7pm-9:30pm
May 6

MC - SO, 108



To request more information on the Animal Welfare Assistant Certificate Program, call 314-984-7777

