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Horses lend us the wings we lack.
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PRESS RELEASE

SUBJECT: LARGE ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATIONS COURSE to be offered at **ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S TRAINING CENTER**. This will be a course for certification through TLAER, Inc and PEARL, Inc. on **March 2-3, 2011** from 8 am to 4 pm.

WHO WILL ATTEND: Law Enforcement and Animal Control/Humane Officers, County and State emergency response team members, and Animal Cruelty Investigators.

WHAT: LARGE ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATIONS COURSE

WHEN: **March 2-3, 2011**

WHERE: **ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S TRAINING CENTER, ANDERSON, SC**

WHY: With a swell in the number of cruelty and neglect incidents involving large animals, the need for specialized training in the field of cruelty investigations has increased over the last 2 decades. P.E.A.R.L., Inc. is dedicated to educating law enforcement and helped design this course. This class is being premiered with the support of the Anderson County Sheriff's Office.

The PURPOSE is to bring education in an affordable manner to the most law enforcement officers possible during times where little training money is available- in this case, as a PILOT course, it is offered FREE to qualified students. TLAER, Inc. and P.E.A.R.L., Inc. have put together a training course using the latest information available about large animal cruelty investigations, the South Carolina laws and prosecution of large animal cruelty cases, industry standards for livestock care including nutritional needs, concepts, tactics, techniques, and even the use of investigative equipment with hands-on practice using live demonstration horses. Our ongoing research and development, practical application, and improvements suggested by highly qualified colleagues allow us to bring this training to local areas using local assets from law enforcement to rescue needs and update these courses constantly.

SPECIAL: This course was filled within four days and the attendees will include Animal Control and Law Enforcement officers from eleven counties in South Carolina, as well as Georgia. Due to the size of the room, the class was limited to 33 personnel. Faculty Biographies are attached for the personnel that will be teaching portions of the course.

BOILERPLATE: Large Animal Cruelty Investigations training brings the specialty concerns, techniques, tactics and procedures for starvation, neglect and abuse incidents involving large animals to the responders concerned. This course is designed with a concentration on horse cases; however the term “large animal” includes livestock such as cattle, and even zoo animals. Large animal incidents are fraught with emotion by the owner as well as bystanders that may get involved. Each person’s knowledge of what constitutes a “skinny horse in a pasture” will be examined in this course; students will be taught to use quantitative measures and assisted with improving their documentation of cases. Innovation is required by responders as every incident is different and their understanding of both horse and human behavior is KEY. Prevention, working with owners, and safety is a theme of the course.

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