

1 AN ACT relating to animal control officers.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 258.095 TO 258.500 IS CREATED
4 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 (1) The board shall provide comprehensive evidence-informed training courses for
6 animal control officers on child abuse and neglect recognition and reporting that
7 encompass child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect.

8 (2) The trainings may be provided in person or by utilizing currently available
9 technology and shall cover, at a minimum, current information regarding the
10 connection between animal abuse as a predictor crime with a statistically
11 significant correlation to active or future instances of interpersonal violence such
12 as child abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse, and sexual assault.

13 (3) (a) All animal control officers shall complete the training by January 31, 2027.
14 (b) Animal control officers employed, appointed, or contracted with on or after
15 January 31, 2027, shall complete the training within one hundred twenty
16 (120) days of being employed, appointed, or contracted.

17 ➔Section 2. This Act may be cited as Kyan's Law.