

Kristie Franks, M.S.

Lecturer

**Department of Agricultural Sciences and Engineering Technology
College of Sciences**

Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Master of Science- Agriculture 2000-2002

Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Bachelor of Science- Animal Science 1989-1996

Work or Professional Experiences

Veterinary Technician I, September 2011-present and June 2000 to November 2003

Texas A&M University Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, College Station, TX

- Responsible for instructing fourth year veterinary students in proper emergency and critical care techniques and animal handling
- Triage emergent patients upon arrival to the ER
- Veterinary Emergency Response team deployable member
- Deployed to West, Texas after the explosion
- Provide presentations to third year veterinary students on emergency response
- Participated in the creation of a continuing education course for emergency personnel on animal handling in emergency situations
- Provide continuing education presentations to firefighters, police officers and other emergency personnel

Senior Animal Cruelty Investigator, June 2005-August 2011

Houston SPCA, Houston, TX

- Investigated claims of animal cruelty throughout Harris, Liberty, Fort Bend, Galveston, Montgomery, Waller and Brazoria counties as well as other areas as needed by local law enforcement requests
- Presented civil cases to the Justice of the Peace presiding over the hearing and testified in criminal cases when required
- Trained all new animal cruelty investigators from 2006-2010 in investigative techniques, animal cruelty laws, animal care laws, interview techniques, animal handling techniques, report writing and proper court etiquette
- Handled livestock species, companion animal species, and exotic animals including bears, emu, lizards, and multiple species of fowl.
- Trained all new rescue personnel on proper procedures for responding to the 24 hour call service, animal rescue laws, and proper animal handling techniques
- Provided presentations to school children and University students on animal cruelty and animal laws

Shelter Supervisor, November 2003- June 2005

Corsicana Animal Shelter, Corsicana, TX

- Supervised staff of up to six individuals in proper animal handling technique, proper shelter cleaning and sterilization, and recognition of common diseases affecting the shelter animal population
- Supervised all adoptions of shelter pets

- Submitted budget requests to superior and to the city council
- Participated in budget meetings and emergency planning meetings
- Organized special off-site adoption events
- Organized fund raising drives
- Submitted an article to the newspaper about animal city codes and importance of vaccinations
- Responsible for ordering all supplies and creating employee schedules
- Responsible for making bank deposits and balancing the receipts from each days transactions
- Maintained the shelters web page on Petfinder.com
- Co-interviewer for all new hires while supervisor
- Improved adoption rate by 12% in two years

Honors and Awards

The Emergency Management Association of Texas; Emergency Management Student Award
2015

Houston SPCA Oliver Award for Outstanding Leadership 2007

James Collins Academic Scholarship 1989-1992

Houston Livestock Scholarship 1991

Delta Tau Alpha Agriculture Honor Society 1990; Chapter President 1991

Animal Handling in Emergency Continuing Education Lecture:

State Firefighters Convention, Lubbock, Texas 2014

Houston Fire Training Center, Houston, Texas 2014

TEEX Training Center, College Station, Texas 2014

Guest lecturer for Emergency Response veterinary student course

Texas A&M College of Vet Med, College Station, Texas 2012-2014

Guest lecturer for Animals in Society/Human Animal Bond Course

Sam Houston State University 2006-2007

Other Competencies

Specialized training:

Animal Cruelty Investigation Schools I, II, and III

Technical Animal Rescue Training (water and hillside rescues)

Animal Control Officer Level I

Emergency Management Institute, FEMA Incident Command Systems Training 100, 200, 300, 400, 700
and 800