

Amy Katherine Taylor has been working in animal welfare for over 18 years. Ms. Taylor is the President and Founder of Ring Dog Rescue a pit bull type dog non-profit. Ms. Taylor became a nationally certified Animal Control Officer in 2005, and has been an investigator for the Virginia Animal Fighting Task Force since 2007 and on the Board of Directors since 2013. Ms. Taylor is a founding member and Vice President of A.L. Shilling Spay & Neuter.

Ms. Taylor completed her undergraduate studies in Forensic Crime Scene Investigation, she continued her studies and achieved a Masters of Science and Post-Baccalaureate degree in Criminal Justice. Ms. Taylor is a Department of Criminal Justice Services General Instructor and a Subject Matter Expert. Ms. Taylor was appointed to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Animal Control Training workgroup in 2011.

Ms. Taylor has investigated over 100 cases of animal fighting and has been on scene for more than 50 animal fighting search warrants. Ms. Taylor has been qualified as an expert in "Bully Breeds" and animal cruelty, and has been qualified as an expert in animal fighting 15 times in Virginia courts. Ms. Taylor was more recently been qualified as an expert in dogfighting and animal cruelty in the United States District Court of New Jersey.

Ms. Taylor was the honored recipient of the Meritorious Service to Law Enforcement Award in 2006. Ms. Taylor also received the Compassion Award (2004) and the Presidents Award (2014) from the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies, and was voted one of Style Weekly's Top 40 Under 40 in 2011.

Ms. Taylor is a regular guest instructor at both William and Mary School of Law and the University of Richmond School of Law. She also instructs at Crater Criminal Justice Academy and for the Virginia Attorney Generals Office. More recently Ms. Taylor was a guest instructor for Justice Clearinghouse and presented the Search Warrants and Affidavits module for the National Animal Control Association. She is a member of the National Animal Control Association, the Virginia Animal Control Association, the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies, and the International Association of Canine Professionals.

Ms. Taylor lives in Richmond, Virginia with her partner Jason and their rescued dogs and cats.