



Pets & Disasters: Preparing an Action Plan Training Guide



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About Florida SART

- SART is a multi-agency coordination group.
- SART is made up of over 25 partner agencies (state, federal and non-governmental organizations).
- SART provides preparedness and response resources for Emergency Support Function 17 [(ESF 17) Animal and Agricultural Issues].
- SART statutory authority
 - State Emergency Management Act (Section 252.3569, Florida Statutes)

SART Mission

Empower Floridians through training and resource coordination to enhance all-hazard disaster planning and response for animal and agricultural issues.

SART Goals

- Support the county, regional and state emergency management efforts and incident management teams.
- Identify county resources available for animal and/or agricultural issues.
- Promote the cooperation and exchange of information of interested state, county and civic agencies.

Specific Learning Objectives

At the end of this training module, participants will be able to:

- Review community needs & resources for pets in disasters
- Get overview of emergency management
- Learn about essential roles in disasters
- Identify who should be involved
- Assign responsibilities for major roles
- Identify key resources
- Make commitment to moving forward

Resources

The following are sources of additional information about the subjects mentioned in this introduction.

For a complete listing of SART Training Materials, visit the Florida SART Web site:

www.flsart.org

The following is a source of additional information about the subjects and agencies mentioned in this module.

Florida Division of Emergency Management Emergency Response Team

<http://www.floridadisaster.org>

Resources directly related to animals and disasters include:

American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/services>

Topics include Pets and Disaster — Be Prepared, First Aid for Pets and Barnyard Animal Rescue Plan.

Animal Management in Disasters, Sebastian E. Heath, Mosby, 11830 Westline Industrial Drive, St. Louis, MO 64164.

Available through many Internet booksellers.

Missing Pet Network

<http://www.missingpet.net>

Triumph Over Tragedy, Disaster Handbook Video Series: Helping Four-Legged Friends Survive the Storm (18 minutes).

The video can be viewed in its entirety at the National Ag Safety Database Web site, <http://www.cdc.gov/nasd/>

Humane Society of the United States Personal Planning

www.humanesociety.org/make-disaster-plan-your-pet

Resources, continued

The National Ag Safety Database has articles on handling horses and livestock safely. Go to “animals” under “Locate by Topics” at <http://nasdonline.org/>

Hawkins Guide on Equine Emergencies and Horse Trailering on the Road
Blue Green Publishing Co., PO Box 1255, Southern Pines, NC 28388

Equine Trailer Rescue video, Horse Park of New Jersey,
PO Box 548, Allentown, N.J. 08501

Animals in Disasters: Module A, Awareness And Preparedness, IS 10. Access this course at: <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-10.a>

Animals in Disaster: Module B, Community Planning, IS 11.
Access this course at <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-11.a>

The following are sources of information on emergency management in general.

Federal Emergency Management Agency
<http://www.fema.gov>

IFAS Disaster Handbook, prepared by the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.
<http://disaster.ifas.ufl.edu>

Other parts of *Triumph Over Tragedy*, Disaster Handbook Video Series are:
Surviving the Storm—Coordination
Communication and Cooperation (30 minutes)
A Community Response to Managing Post-Disaster Stress (45 minutes)

Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN)
<https://eden.lsu.edu/>

Occupational Safety & Health Administration’s (OSHA) Emergency Preparedness and Response Page
<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/emergencypreparedness/index.html>

Resources, continued

Other resources related to agricultural safety are listed below: **National Agricultural Safety Database (NASD)**

<http://nasdonline.org/>

Other related EMI courses are:

Introduction to CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams), IS-317

It provides background information on the concept of community members being able to work together during a disaster.

Access this course at: <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=is-317>

Livestock in Disasters, IS-111

Access this course at:

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-111.a>

Other courses that might be useful with this module include:

The Role of Voluntary Agencies in Emergency Management IS-288

Access this course at: <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-288.a>

A listing of all the IS courses offered by FEMA can be found at:

<https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx?page=1>



Pets & Disasters: Preparing an Action Plan Appendix A - Training Slides



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 State Agricultural Response Team 2

Preparing an Action Plan

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 State Agricultural Response Team 3

Workshop Objectives

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Existing plans can be improved

*Work today on specific action
to strengthen your plan*



Worksheet 1 - Reflections on Identifying a Community's Needs & Resources

- What caught your attention?
- What is unclear?
- What will be our biggest challenge?
- What is our greatest strength?



Overview of Emergency Management

- Emergency Operations Center coordinates disaster planning & response
- Prior to disaster, collects information on hazards and resources
- Has network of partnerships
- Pet planning should fit into community's overall operations plan



Incident Command System

- Mechanism for communications & coordination
- Foundation in group that responded to California wildfires in early 1970s
- Now used nationwide for all hazards



Stages of Disaster Management

- Mitigation
- Preparation
- Response
- Recovery



Our Focus

Preparation & Response



Preparation

- Planning
- Preparing for specific emergencies
 - Fire
 - Flooding
 - Haz-mat incidents
 - Bioterrorism



Examples of Preparation

- Purchase equipment such as generators for community use
- Make agreements to use equipment & supplies
- Train volunteers



Response

Taking action when disaster is imminent or is occurring



Examples of Response

- Activating animal rescue teams
- Opening emergency shelters that accept animals
- Distributing supplies and equipment



Who to Involve

- Emergency management & other agencies involved in disasters
- Shelters & other animal agencies
- Animal community
- Key communicators
- Other community groups



Organizations Involved in Disasters

- Emergency Management
- Health Department
- Other local government agencies
- Red Cross



Organizations Involved in Disasters

- First Responders
 - Police, fire/rescue, emergency medical services (EMS)
- Interest
 - Frequently part of families with pets
 - Usually glad to help people with their pets



Organizations Involved in Disasters

- Role of first responders
 - Normally first on scene, managing emergency
 - Responsible for security & access to evacuated & hazardous areas
- Involving first responders
 - Communicate needs & capabilities of animal community
 - Train them in animal handling & rescue



Organizations Involved in Disasters

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)



Shelters & Other Animal Agencies

- Animal services department or shelters
- Humane Society
- Play pivotal role in responding to a disaster
- However, need to work closely with other agencies and organizations



Animal Community

- Motivated to help themselves
- Communicate with others
- Serve as volunteers



Animal Community

- Veterinarians
 - Treating injured animals
 - Monitoring health of sheltered animals
- Involve specialists in large animals and exotics



Key Communicators

- Media
- Schools
- Access television stations
- Social Media
- Web services
- Ham radio operators



Other Organizations

- Private sector
 - Pet stores, groomers, large businesses
 - Donations
 - Distribute public education material
- Nonprofit organizations & civic groups
 - Spread the word
 - Provide volunteers



Spreading the Umbrella

- Be inclusive, not exclusive
- Involvement in members' self-interest
- Educate own groups & public



Worksheet 2 - Key Contacts

	Organizations	Key Contacts
Involved		
Needed		



Lead Agency

- Serves as primary point of contact with emergency management officials & Incident Command Center
- Coordinates response & recovery efforts for pets
- Collects & distributes information



Lead Agency

- What are our options?
- What should be the basis of the decision?
- Can we resolve it now or do we need to continue to work on it?
- What would be the alternate lead agency?



Responsibilities

Coordination/leadership

- Committee leadership
- Coordination with emergency management
- Visible in community



Responsibilities

Administration 1

- Record-keeping
- Financial management



Responsibilities



Administration 2

- Internal communications
- Donation management



Responsibilities

Staffing

- Trained staff
- Untrained staff
- Veterinarians & vet techs



Responsibilities

Public information

- Community outreach during preparation
- Public information during response
- Press releases
- Coordination with rumor control
- Preparation during recovery



Responsibilities

- Sheltering
 - Establishing & managing shelters
 - Foster care
- See *Sheltering Options in Mass Evacuations* unit



Responsibilities

Logistics

- Pet food
- Staff food
- Equipment
- Sites
- Sanitation



Responsibilities



Abandoned animals

- Lost & found
- Dealing with strays
- Animals obviously abandoned by owners who are know to have left the area
- Owner surrenders



Worksheet 3 - Committee Assignments

- What's in place?
- What needs attention?
- Who's responsible?



Wrap-Up

- What key decisions have we made?
- How have we enhanced relationships among committee members?
- When will we meet again
 - As a full committee
 - As subcommittees
- Will we take responsibility?



Resources

- SART Web site
 - www.flsart.org
- Animal-related resources
- Emergency management resources
- Ag safety resources
- FEMA training



Thank You