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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:

- Describe the reasons to prepare a plan for animals in disasters
- List & discuss characteristics of the community that affect planning for animals in disasters
- Name key people to invite to a planning workshop
- Assign responsibilities for the workshop

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

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Appendix A - Training Slides

Pets & Disasters
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Meeting Objectives

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Animal Issues are People Issues

- People are concerned about their animals
- May base decisions on their concerns
  - Refuse to evacuate
  - Attempt to rescue pets during unsafe conditions

State Agricultural Response Team 5

Pet owners have been injured or killed attempting to rescue animals

State Agricultural Response Team 6

Who's Involved in Planning?

- Emergency management & other organizations involved in disasters
- Shelters and other animal agencies
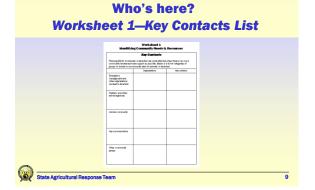- Animal community (Pet rescue groups)
- Key communicators
- Other community groups

State Agricultural Response Team 7

Planning Activities

- Working with shelters & other animal agencies on their animal disaster plans
- Creating partnerships with groups involved with animals
- Encouraging agencies & organizations to include animals in response plans
- Providing public education on planning for pets

State Agricultural Response Team 8

Who's here?
Worksheet 1—Key Contacts List

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Community Characteristics

- Urban, rural, mix?
- Demographics
  - Ages
  - Economic profile
  - Cultures

Community Characteristics

- Natural features
- Potential for manmade disasters
  - Highways
  - Railroads
  - Nuclear plants
  - Industry
  - Factory farming

Community Characteristics

Are we a host community?
- Along major evacuation routes
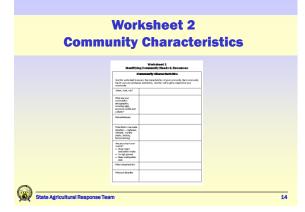- On high ground
- Major metropolitan area

Community Characteristics

- Other characteristics
- History of disasters

Worksheet 2
Community Characteristics

Hazards

- No community is hazard-free
- Anyone living near a highway shouldn't be complacent
- Consider major hazards in this community

Examples of Problems

- Three Mile Island
- Dayton, Ohio, chemical spill
- Snohomish Valley, Wash., floods
- Oakland, Calif., firestorm
- Hurricane Andrew

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Examples of Problems

- West Lafayette, Ind., tornado
- Georgia floods
- Weyauwega, Wis., derailment

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Worksheet 3
Assessing Hazards

- Hurricane
- Tornado
- Flooding
- Highway or transport incident
- Wildfires
- Urban fire
- Hazardous material spills
- Attack (nuclear or terrorist)
- Power shortage/failure
- Chemical or biological warfare

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Our Community's Animals

- Estimate the number of pets
- Many animals may be unlicensed
- Make estimate based on national averages

Animal Ownership

Animal	Percentage of Households Owning a Pet	Number of Pets Per Household
Dogs	40	1.7
Cats	30	2.1
Birds	5.7	2.16
Horses	2.0	2.54

Worksheet 4
Estimated Pet Population

- Our population in 100,000s=X
- Multiply X by 133,000 to estimate number of pets

Non-Traditional Pets

Who Has
Exotic/Captive Wildlife?

- Zoos
- Petting parks
- Private collections
- Individuals

Native Wildlife

- Wild animals can carry diseases transmissible to other animals & people
- Pets & other owned animals will normally take precedence
- Displaced, uninjured wildlife is often better off on its own

Wildlife Needs

- Confinement to a rehab facility is stressful
- Wildlife may adapt & lose ability to survive in the wild
- Laws govern wildlife captivity
- Wildlife rehab facilities will probably be overwhelmed

Cooperation: Key to Success

- Effective plan depends on people & organizations
- Need good working relations

Who to Invite to Planning Workshop?

- Be inclusive, not exclusive
- People get involved from self-interest
- Recruit from your own groups & keep members of your groups informed

Who to Involve?

- Emergency management & other organizations involved in disasters
- Shelters & other animal agencies
- Veterinarians
- Animal community
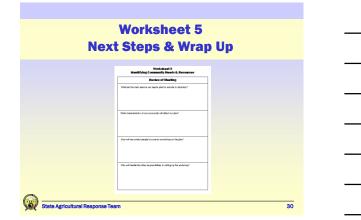- Key communicators (social media)
- Other community groups

Return to *Worksheet 1 & Background for Worksheet 1*

Worksheet 5
Next Steps & Wrap Up

Resources

- SART Web site
  - www.flsart.org
- Humane Society of the United States
  - www.humanesociety.org/make-disaster-plan-your-pet
- Animal-related resources
- Emergency management resources
- Ag safety resources
- FEMA training

On behalf of Florida's pets...

Thank You!

Pets & Disasters: Identifying Community Needs and Resources

Appendix B - Worksheets

Worksheet 1
Identifying Community Needs & Resources

Key Contacts		
Planning for pets in disasters is more effective when community involvement and support are strong. Below is a list of categories of groups to involve in a community plan for pets in disasters. Use this worksheet to develop a list of key contacts.		
	Organizations	Key contacts
Emergency management and other organizations involved in disasters		
Shelters and other animal agencies		
Animal community		
Key communicators		
Other community groups		

Worksheet 2
Identifying Community Needs & Resources

Community Characteristics	
Use this worksheet to assess the characteristics of your community. Each community has its own circumstances and history. Use this unit to get a snapshot of your community.	
Urban, rural, mix?	
What are your community's demographics, including ages, economic profile and cultures?	
Natural features	
Potential for manmade disasters — highways, railroads, nuclear plants, industry, factory farming	
Are you a host community? • Along major evacuation routes • On high ground • Major metropolitan area	
Other characteristics	
History of disasters	

Worksheet 3
Identifying Community Needs & Resources

	Community Hazards	
Use this worksheet to assess the hazards your community may face. Each community has its own vulnerability to known hazards.		
	Likelihood	Considerations
Hurricanes		
Tornadoes		
Floods		
Highway or transport incident		
Wildfires		
Urban fires		
Hazardous material spills		
Attack (nuclear or terrorist)		
Power shortage/failure		
Chemical or biological warfare		

Worksheet 4
Identifying Community Needs & Resources

Animal Ownership — National Averages		
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Dogs	40	1.7
Cats	30	2.1
Birds	5.7	2.16
Horses	2.0	2.54

Estimated Pets for Community of 100,000		
Dogs	100,000 x 40%=40,000 x 1.7	68,000
Cats	100,000 x 30%=30,000 x 1.7	63,000
Birds	100,000 x 5.7%=5,700 x 2.16	12,312
Horses	100,000 x 2%=2,000 x 1.7	5,080
Total Estimated Companion Animal Population		133,137

Estimate Pet Ownership in Your Community	
A. Community Population in 100,000's	
B. Pets per 100,000=133,000	X 133,000
Multiply A and B to estimate the number of pets in the community	

Worksheet 5
Identifying Community Needs & Resources

Review of Meeting
What are the main reasons we need a plan for animals in disasters?
What characteristics of our community will affect our plan?
How will we contact people to come to a workshop on the plan?
Who will handle the other responsibilities in setting up the workshop?