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NEW JERSEY STATE ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM
Veterinarian and Veterinary Technician Recruitment

Due to the increase in natural and terrorism-related disasters in recent years, New Jersey is establishing a team of veterinarians and veterinary technicians to respond to disasters involving animals in the state.

SART’S Mission and Goals:
1) Develop animal emergency response plans at the local, county, and state level
2) Protect domesticated and wild animals
3) Protect public health, the public food supply, and the environment
4) Ensure the humane care and treatment of animals during emergency situations

How you can help:
- veterinary services (including field hospitals and triage units)
- search and rescue (including care of search and rescue dogs)
- sheltering
- epidemiology
- transportation (advise on how and when to collect and transport animals)
- mortality management (advise on euthanasia and disposal issues)
- logistics and finance
- liaison with industry and government.

Training:
Training is available and in some cases required for participation in animal disaster response. Training will be offered at convenient locations, or on-line. Recommended training includes, but is not limited to:
- Incident Command System (ICS100)
- HazMat (Hazardous Materials) & WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction) Awareness
- FEMA modules: Animals in Disasters and Livestock in Disasters

What you will do during an incident:
When activated, volunteers may help at their location, or report to a staging area for field deployment. During federally declared disasters, reimbursement for services may be available through FEMA or the USDA.

All volunteers are welcome, including those veterinarians without a New Jersey license, who will be used appropriately. Deployment is always on a voluntary basis.