

HOW TO GET HELP FOR ANIMALS

Every area (county, state, region) has a plan for animals in disasters. Who responds, and how to reach them, is different from one county or parish to another, and from state to state.

- Find out who to notify in YOUR area. Usually this will be Animal Care & Control, but it might be the Sheriff's Office or a regional animal disaster response group. Equines & livestock MIGHT fall under the authority of the local Ag Department.
- Find out, store, and post the contacts.
- In a disaster, work with the local agencies.
- Do your homework in advance: know who responds to help animals in disasters in your area. Know what resources you're communicating with before you request help evacuating animals.
- NEVER give your location or keys to anyone you don't know, or, not affiliated with an authorized response resource.
- Network with your neighbors and get to know each other's animals.
- Exchange contact info. One of you may be the only one at home, or able to get there, in a disaster.
- Get weather and emergency alert apps, and know how to use them. If you're aware of potential hazards, and ready in advance, you have a better chance of evacuating animals while there's time for a safe, orderly getaway. If you wait for "Mandatory" alerts, it's probably too late.
- If you've prepared your "SIP" areas, you can leave feeling pretty OK about animal safety.
- Flood Alerts: flash flooding happens in ...a flash!
- If you are trapped, call 911 for help but do NOT wade or swim out to get animals unless you're sure of what's under the water. Map in advance the locations of hazards like electric fence, transformers, barbed wire, cattle guards, etc.

ANIMAL EMERGENCIES & DISASTERS WHO RESPONDS?

EMERGENCY

- FIRST RESPONDER: FIRE, SHERIFF, CHP
- ANIMAL CONTROL, HUMANE SOCIETY, FISH & WILDLIFE
- VETERINARIAN
- OWNER, FACILITY MANAGER, DRIVER
- SPONTANEOUS VOLUNTEER
- UTILITY / HIGHWAY WORKERS (PG&E, CALTRANS)
- HORSE & LIVESTOCK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

DISASTER

- ANIMAL WELFARE AGENCIES & ORGANIZATIONS
- DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS
 - COMMUNITY ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAMS (CART)
 - DISASTER ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM (DART)
 - VETERINARY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (VERT)
 - VETERINARY MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (VMRC)
- LOCAL VETERINARIANS
- MILITARY & USAR
- HAZMAT TEAMS

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HOW TO BE A HELPER

Join your local CART (Community Animal Response Team), for example; [Lake County LEAP](#), [Napa CART](#), [Valley Center Disaster Animal Response Team](#), to name just a few.

- Become a volunteer with local Humane Society or other shelter organization
- Take some free online trainings! [FEMA](#) has a number of courses recommended and/or required for volunteers. Knowledge IS power.



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