

Who is the Disaster Animal Response Team?

The Ohio Region 1 Disaster Animal Response Team or DART is a team of volunteers ready to help rescue, house and treat animals during disasters and other emergencies.

Volunteers include veterinarians, veterinary technicians, animal control officers and others from a variety of professions and backgrounds.

DART coordinates with local emergency management agencies.



What does DART do during a disaster?

- Rescues animals from flooded, damaged or unsafe homes
- Evacuates animals to safe areas
- Temporarily houses animals whose owners cannot care for them
- Treats injuries/provides veterinary care
- Reunites animals with their owners

What does DART do during non-emergency times?

Members keep in touch regularly to:

- Develop & review response plans
- Train, exercise and recruit members
- Obtain & inventory supplies
- Provide community disaster education

Mission Statement

The Ohio Region 1 Disaster Animal Response Team will provide emergency response, planning and support for all animals in the Northwest Ohio Homeland Security Region 1 in the event of a disaster or disease outbreak that overwhelms the local infrastructure.

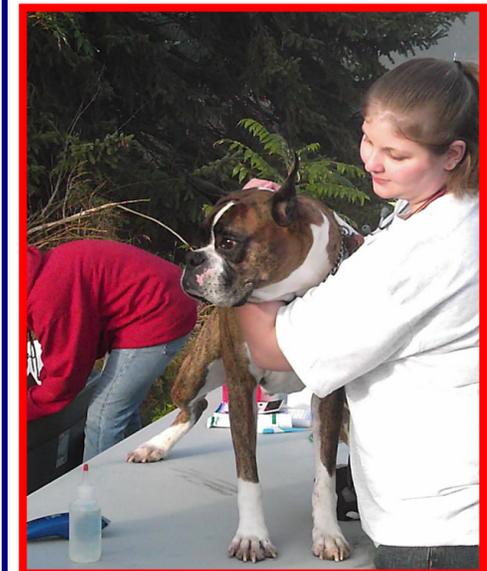


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DART is activated upon request of the Emergency Management Agency of the county in which the disaster occurs.

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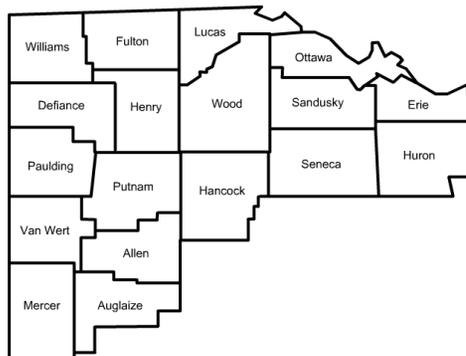
Why is DART needed?

Most people consider their pets as part of their family. If forced to choose between leaving their pets to go to a safe place or staying with their pets, almost 40% of people say they will not leave their pets.

Having so many people ignore safety warnings for the sake of their pets, means that more injuries and deaths can occur. It also means more people will need to be rescued after a disaster or will try to return to unsafe areas.



DART helps by managing the needs of animals during and after disasters in Homeland Security Region 1:



How do I join DART? What training do I need?

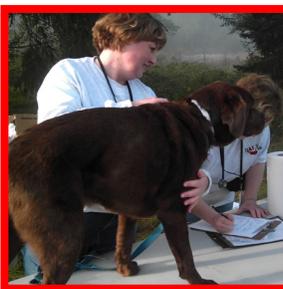
Volunteers are always welcome, but some basic training is required. DART works with a variety of emergency response agencies.

To help make this coordination more efficient, volunteers are required to take the following FEMA courses:

- IS100.B - Incident Command System part 1
- IS 200.B - Incident Command System part 2
- IS 700.A - National Incident Management System

All of these trainings are free, self-study classes and can be completed at: training.fema.gov/IS/

Limited liability protection is provided upon completion of an approved training every three years and registration in the Ohio Responds Volunteer Registry.



For more information or to join the team visit www.ohiodart1.com or contact DART at lcvdart@hotmail.com.

I'm not a veterinarian or veterinary technician, can I still help?

Yes. During an emergency all types of volunteers are needed. DART will need people to process paperwork, take phone calls, keep records, transport animals and other jobs.

What about my safety?

Many steps are taken to keep volunteers safe, including requiring some basic emergency response training.

Hepatitis A, hepatitis B, tetanus and rabies vaccines are strongly recommended.

DART ensures response efforts are coordinated with other emergency response agencies.

During deployment DART members are afforded liability protection when assisting during a disaster.

How else can I help?

DART is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact DART at lcvdart@hotmail.com.