

## About Virginia SART

### Any Animal, Any Disaster, Anywhere

The Virginia State Animal Response Team (VASART) was created through a private-public partnership to serve as a unifying network of organizations, businesses, federal and state government agencies, and individuals that supports the prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery for emergencies affecting animals. Because disaster response starts at the local level, VASART will build Community Animal Response Teams (CARTs) across the state. Local coordinators will be selected to lead the development of community teams consisting of volunteers who will respond to emergencies at the local level.

## Virginia SART Vision Statement

Provide support to the Commonwealth of Virginia in disaster preparedness, response and recovery for the benefit of animal and public health and safety.

## Virginia SART Mission Statements

- To facilitate a prompt, coordinated and effective response to a natural or man-made disaster affecting animals;
- To identify state and community resources that could be utilized during an emergency or disaster and to establish a network of trained animal emergency responders at the local and state level;
- To provide educational resources for the citizens and businesses of the Commonwealth of Virginia to assist with planning for their animals during disasters in order to minimize the economic and environmental impacts of animal emergencies;
- To assist the Commonwealth of Virginia in developing effective preparations in regard to natural and man-made disasters affecting animals and humans;
- To assist in the development, integration and maintenance of an animal disaster plan into the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan and to seek funding resources for sustenance and capacity building.

## How You Can Help

1. **Volunteer!** Become a SART volunteer by completing the attached Volunteer Roster Form. We need people with all types of skills, expertise and resources.
2. **Donate!** Preparing for a disaster and responding to one are expensive and requires a lot of resources and equipment. Plus, VASART helps all animals. This requires us to be ready for any kind of disaster event and depending on the animals involved, it may even require special equipment. Contribute financially to support VASART's training and response efforts.
3. **Prepare!** Prepare your home, business, or farm before an emergency occurs by creating disaster preparedness kits and emergency plans for your family, pets, and other animals.
4. **Join!** Join your Community Animal Response Team, or if one is not created yet, help us get a CART started in your area.

## Tips for Protecting Your Animals in a Disaster

### Prepare, Prepare, Prepare!

1. Keep a "Pet Emergency Kit" ready. The kit should include a few days worth of medication, your pet's medical and vaccination records, a leash, collar, identification, water, food, toys, a picture of you and your pet and bedding.
2. Make sure that your animals have some form of permanent identification such as a microchip, brand, tattoo, etc.
3. Purchase a pet carrier and label it with emergency contact information.
4. Store water and feed for emergencies.
5. Create a contingency plan for animals including horses, livestock, etc., in an emergency situation that addresses transportation, water and feed resources, and areas for confinement if needed.

## Donations

- During times of disaster, VASART will need help from people who own specialized equipment and are willing to donate their time and services.
- Cash donations to purchase needed equipment and materials are graciously welcome.
- Donations are tax deductible. VASART is a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, and all donations are tax deductible.
- Donations can be made online by visiting our website at: [www.virginiasart.org](http://www.virginiasart.org)  
We accept Mastercard and Visa
- Also, your donations can be mailed to:  
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## Need More Information?

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**THE NUMBER  
ONE REASON**  
PEOPLE REFUSE TO EVACUATE THEIR HOMES  
DURING AN EMERGENCY IS BECAUSE THEY  
DON'T WANT TO LEAVE A PET BEHIND.



# When a disaster strikes, who will take care of **Them?**



## VIRGINIA STATE ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM



Providing Prevention, Preparedness,  
Response, and Recovery for  
Emergencies Affecting Animals

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### VASART Volunteer Roster and Donation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_ Title (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ County/City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Areas of Expertise: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
Interested in volunteering for:  Administrative work;  Disaster response at the community level (requires training)  
I am interested in donating the following:  Item(s) \_\_\_\_\_  Equipment \_\_\_\_\_  
Donations: \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_ credit card Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Credit card information:   Donor's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature to authorize charge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Monetary donations will be used to purchase necessary disaster response equipment and to further the training and outreach efforts of the Virginia State Animal Response Team. (Personal and corporate checks are welcome). Checks should be made payable to "VASART" and sent to 3801 Westerre Parkway, Suite D, Henrico, VA 23233. Donations are tax deductible. VASART is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.