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Caring for Pets in
Times of Disaster







About CART

History: Hurricane Katrina highlighted the need for comprehensive emergency response planning that includes the proper care of survivor's pets following a major disaster. The Pets Evacuation & Transportation Standards (PETS) Act of 2006 ensures that state and local emergency plans address the needs of individuals with household pets & animals themselves following a major disaster.

Training: Springfield-Greene County CART is a group of trained Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers who coordinate animal response efforts during times of disaster. CART partners with the Emergency Veterinary Clinic of SW MO to facilitate the training of volunteers, which includes the activation of disaster animal response and handling along with animal search & rescue efforts.

CART in Action

-  Establish intake stations for pets at human shelters
-  Provide emergency pet care
-  Coordinate search & rescue efforts in the field for lost and injured pets
-  Educate the public about the importance of pet disaster preparedness



Get Started

*CART volunteers are trained
CERT team members*

- 1.** Enroll in an upcoming CERT training course
- 2.** Complete CERT course & apply to become a CERT member
- 3.** Join the CART team

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