

The Niagara County Animal Response Team (CART) was created in coordination with the Niagara County Office of Emergency Management. The CART is an organized group of volunteers that assist animals impacted by a disaster/emergency.

LEGAL PROTECTIONS

Upon completion of the required training, you will be considered a "qualified" volunteer. Qualified volunteers are covered for liability and worker's compensation as if they were state employees. This protection is provided by Article 26A of New York State Agriculture and Markets law.

Niagara CART Min. Requirements

Volunteer Application- *Contact us for application*

County Animal Response Team, Emergency Animal Sheltering, AND Zoonosis, Preparedness, and Public Health – online at

<http://www.ualbanyphp.org/learning/default.cfm>

***Incident Command System 100** – online at

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS100b.asp>

*** National Incident Management System 700** – online at

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700a.asp>

****Hazmat Awareness** – online at

<https://www.saferesponse.com/courses/hazardous-materials-response-awareness-level/>

Code of Conduct - online at

<http://www.empiresart.com/pdfs/Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf>

Niagara County Animal Response Team Members

Veterinarians
Veterinary Technicians & Assistants
Animal Control Officers
Wildlife Rehabilitators
Farmers
Pet Groomers
Dog Trainers
Wildlife Rehabilitators
Nuisance Wildlife Control Agents
Emergency Service Personnel
Cooperative Extension Educators
4-H Groups
Humane Organizations
Boarding Kennels
Breed Clubs, Fanciers and Associations
Horsemen's Associations
Farm and Cattle Associations
Interested Individuals

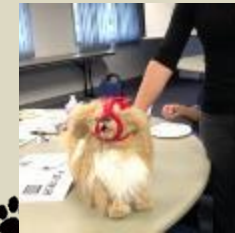
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**Niagara County Animal
Response Teams –**

*Helping People,
Helping Animals*

Niagara County Department of Health

**Division of Planning &
Emergency Preparedness**

Niagara County

Niagara County is home to over 216,000 residents, 60% share their lives with animals. In addition to companion animals, the county has hundreds of farms which include dairy, livestock, equine and poultry operations.

Any disaster that affects humans also impacts animals. Animals are especially vulnerable when disaster strikes because they must rely on human intervention to ensure their safety.

To meet the needs of animals, Niagara County created a CART under the Empire State Animal Response Team (ESART) program. Niagara County Department of Health Division of Planning and Emergency Preparedness manages one of two regional trailers which house a small cache of animal sheltering equipment and supplies.



“Niagara Falls Ice Rescue” Niagara Gazette
Photo by James Neiss



“Residents (and dog)
rescued from NT
house fire” 2014
Niagara Gazette,
Don Heupel

CART Efforts

- Ensure trained people and resources are in place to facilitate a rapid and effective response to any emergency affecting animals
- Decrease the threat to health and safety of both humans and animals in emergencies
- Minimize the economic impact of emergencies affecting animals
- Prevent or decrease the spread of disease during emergencies affecting animals
- Minimize the loss or separation of animals from their owners



Niagara County CART Microchip
Clinic 2013



Niagara County CART
Animal First Aid & CPR
Training 2014



Niagara County CART
Animal Sheltering
Exercise 2014

Join Us!

Volunteer

Contact us for registration information and training opportunities. We need people with varying skills, expertise, and resources. Volunteers may participate in planning, preparedness, and response activities.

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Donate

Do you have supplies, equipment or facilities that can be used for an emergency animal response (crates, food bowls, feed, trailer, etc)? Contact Niagara County CART to establish a donation agreement *in advance* of a disaster. Knowing where these resources are available before a disaster strikes will expedite a coordinated emergency response effort.