



Prepared? Resources available? First Priority? Evacuated, not evacuated?





How can I help? Is my family safe?





## Shelter Noise

- zip strips
- kennel
- form
- tags





# Differences in Animal Groups

## Disaster Response Animal Groups provide:

- Sheltering Teams (SART)
- Animal Search and Rescue for companion pets (ASAR)  
*(swift water, slack water, flood water, land)*
- Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue (TLAER)
- Large Animal Emergency Rescue (LAER)

## Animal Rescue Groups provide:

- Foster care and adoption services for abandoned companion pets  
*(Typically their mission is NOT disaster response)*



# Animal Response Coalition of Kansas



KS SART BoD

KS SART UC

KC Metro Region

NC Region

NE Region

NW Region

SC Region

SE Region

SW Region



# Kansas State Animal Response Team



- Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization (BoD)
- Mission: To develop local animal disaster preparation & response
- One of many state organizations based on NC model developed following Hurricane Floyd
- Began in 2004 with roots in the KVMA
- Took off in 2007 following Greensburg
- Heavy lifting all done by Dr. Christen Skaer, DVM



# Kansas State Animal Response Team



- Board of individuals & representatives of animal and emergency related groups (up to 20 members)
  - Veterinarians
  - K State professor
  - National Animal Protection Association
  - Animal Control officer
  - Red Cross Regional Disaster Manager
  - County Emergency Manager
  - Kansas Animal Health Department veterinarian
  - Livestock Industry representative
  - Kansas Department of Health State Public Health Veterinarian
  - Lawyer
  - CPA



# Kansas State Animal Response Team



Encourage & support development of local/regional teams through:

- Establishment of standards
  - Position descriptions
  - Training requirements
  - Operational and logistical SOGs
  - Credentials (CRMCS)
- Administrative and coordinative support
  - Fundraising
  - Tools and technical training
  - Project management
  - On-going education and networking opportunities
  - State database of volunteers
- Encourage public awareness & preparedness (My PET Project)





# Kansas State Animal Response Team



## Staying Connected

- NASAAEP
- MRC
- FLSART and FLSARC
- OKSART

## Grants

- KVMA
- ASPCA
- Red Cross
- Dept of Homeland Security
- Local grants (Wal-Mart, Community Foundations, etc.)



# Kansas State Animal Response Team



- Standard Responder Training Requirements
  - FEMA IS 100, 200, 700
  - First Aid – Human, Psych and Pet (renewed every 2-5 years)
  - New York Consortium of Emergency Preparedness (CART awareness)
- Training Programs (weekend workshops)
  - Level I: Train Today Respond Tomorrow (also available on-line)
  - Level II: Shelter From the Storm (FLSARC)
  - Level III: Ops and Management (FLSARC)
- State Conferences and Exercises (since 2008)
- Links to other training opportunities available at [www.kssart.org](http://www.kssart.org)



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CRMCS Credentials:

- SART EOC Specialist [SART\_EOCS]
- SART Finance Officer [SART\_FINO]
- SART Liaison Officer [SART\_LO]
- SART Logistics Officer [SART\_LOG]
- SART Operations Officer [SART\_OPS]
- SART Planning Officer [SART\_PLANS]
- SART Public Information Officer [SART\_PIO]
- SART Safety Officer [SART\_SAFO]
- SART Shelter Manager [SART\_ASM]
- SART Team Leader [SART\_TEAML]
- SART Technician [SART\_AT]
- **SART Veterinarian [SART\_VET]**
- SART Volunteer Manager [SART\_VM]
- **State Animal Response Team (SART) Volunteer [SART\_VLNTR]**



# Kansas State Animal Response Team



## State Tent Trailer: (16' cargo trailer)

- Two 20' x 20' tents
- 13,500 BTU AC,
- 5600 BTU Heater,
- Generator 7000 Rated Watts,
- 43 large crates, 40 medium crates,
- t-posts w/driver and construction fencing

## Companion Animal Mobile Equipment Trailers (CAMETs)

- Standardized 7' x 16' cargo trailer with supplies for a temporary companion pet shelter for 50
  - Full: Sedgwick, Reno, Riley, Ford
  - Partial: Butler, Kingman, Johnson, Crawford



# Kansas State Animal Response Team



**Public Preparedness Campaign including:**

- **Family preparedness**
- **Pet industry**
- **Sheltering Partnerships**



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Animals, Texas A&M and Hurricane Harvey

<https://www.facebook.com/128mpad/videos/1751274041568171/>





# Kansas State Animal Response Team

## Working Smarter

- Electronic Pet Tracking System
- Vet Med Work Shop
- Responder Work Shops
- Regional Leadership Team
- Leadership/organizational vision retreat
- Development of “shelter teams”  
(EMAC resource typing)



# Kansas State Animal Response Team



## Challenges:

- Are various teams confusing? (state, county, region)
- Where does ART really fit?
  - VOAD – does ART fit here?
  - CERT – does ART fit here? Differences/similarities
- How are VOADs deployed?
  - Co-located sheltering
- CAMETS
  - Where do they belong? EM?
  - ART supplies manpower?
- Working with EM
  - CRMCS – credentials and badging
  - EMAC resource typing
- Expanding services
  - ASAR field assist (in-take and transport)
  - Large animal assist (in-take)
  - MARCs?





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