



Is authorized and trained by County, State, and Federal authorities.



Is the official pet emergency sheltering organization for Cumberland County.



Is a volunteer member organization partnering with other community groups.



Needs volunteers now!



Our partners include:



Emergency Management Agency



FEMA



American Red Cross



The CCART Mission:

to coordinate sheltering and minimize suffering of pets in the event of a major disaster, to provide community awareness of emergency planning and preparedness for families of companion and large animals, and to partner with other responders to ensure effective overall disaster response.

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Emergencies Happen



*Your pet's safety
is in your hands...
...Are you ready?*



Emergency Management Agency

*CCART is a part of the Cumberland County
Emergency Management Agency*

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In the event of a disaster, are you ready to protect your pets?

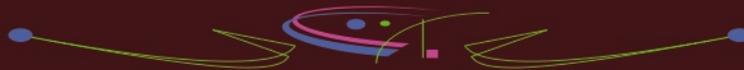


In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, federal officials learned that many Gulf Coast residents refused to evacuate without their pets.

The residents who did evacuate with pets found human shelters unwilling or unable to accept companion animals. This prompted Congress to pass the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act (the PETS Act). This law requires state and local emergency management officials to incorporate household pets and service animals into disaster preparedness programs. Pet shelters will be located as close as possible to selected American Red Cross human shelters.

The Cumberland County Animal Response Team (CCART) held its first informational meeting in September of 2008. The CCART team community volunteers have received training in the US Citizens Corps Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) standards, speciality training from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and follow the National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines.

(CCART) operates under the direction of the Cumberland County EMA Director and in coordination with local, state and federal partners.



The Cumberland County Animal Response Team (CCART) was formed to aid pets and pet owners during disaster. It is an integral component of overall emergency preparedness and it rounds out our sheltering capabilities. Pets are family members and I'm pleased our CCART is ready and available to meet the needs of families by providing pet friendly sheltering options.

~James Budway, Director, Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency

Get ready NOW!

Have a GO PACK prepped and ready!

Guidelines suggest a 3-day supply for evacuations.

- Food
- Water
- Medicines
- First Aid Kit
- Collar w/ID tags
- Harness or leash
- Vaccine records
- Crate / Carrier
- Sanitation
- A picture of you and your pet together
- Familiar items
- Flashlight

Make a Plan.

Plan in advance what you will do in an emergency. In the event of a disaster you will be notified via television, radio and Maine 211 (Maine's new emergency info hotline) as to the location of "pet friendly" shelters.

Be Prepared. Start Now.

To download pamphlets, or for more information on how to prepare your pet for an emergency or disaster please visit:

www.redcross.org

www.211maine.org

www.fema.gov

www.ready.gov

www.cumberlandcounty.org/CART

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