

Animal Resources During an Emergency

Directions

- 1) Reach out to emergency contacts. Define responsibilities and how information will be shared.
- 2) Make contact with animal shelters to learn of availability/capacity/needs.
- 3) Make contact with emergency veterinarians.

Comment [AS1]: Much of the information on this form should be filled out and updated yearly as part of the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) completion. This information is intended to then be known and used during an event. Shaded response boxes are for completion during an event.

Name of Person completing this form	Date and Time
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Comment [AS2]: This is the name of the person filling out this form during an event.

1. Local Emergency Contacts

Is there a regional Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) that serves your community? Y N

Regional DART Chair		
Name	Contact Number	Secondary contact number
Local Animal Shelter Manager		
Name	Contact Number	Secondary contact number
Local Emergency Vet contact		
Name	Contact Number	Secondary contact number
Local Animal Control Officer		
Name	Contact Number	Secondary contact number

Comment [AS3]: If you do not know the answer to this question, check on the Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team [website](#) to see if there is a team in your area.

Comment [AS4]: This is the Chair contact for the DART in your region. If there is no DART serving your region, you can use the Vermont DART Chair as the contact person. Her contact information is: Joanne Bourbeau, 802-368-2790 (primary) and 301-529-3378 (secondary)

Comment [AS5]: Contact information for the manager of the animal shelter serving your town.

Comment [AS6]: Contact information for the primary emergency veterinarian serving your town.

Comment [AS7]: Contact information for the Animal Control Officer (ACO) serving your town.

2. Animal Shelter Locations (including citizen volunteer kennels and barns) (extra space in notes section)

Notify the SEOC if additional shelters are needed.				
Contact the Shelter Manager				
Shelter Name	Physical Address/Shelter Location	Shelter Phone # and Name of Contact	Type and Capacity that can be housed	Status
			Dogs _____ Cats _____ Exotics/Birds _____ Horses _____ Other Livestock _____	Opened: Closed:
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Comment [AS8]: This section is for contacts and locations of animal shelters that can be used during events. This includes volunteer shelters, such as a resident with a barn that can temporarily house additional animals during an event. Reach out to these contacts when needed to get a status of whether they are able to accept animals, and how many. If an animal shelter is opened during an event, that information can get filled in as it is known. The Vermont Humane Federation (VHF) has a list of its member shelters [here](#). The only major shelter that is not a member of VHF (and not at that link) is the [Frontier Animal Society in Orleans](#).

Comment [AS9]: Name of the shelter / or name of resident if the shelter is an informal volunteer shelter.

Comment [AS11]: This is the time that the shelter is opened and closed. This information is entered during and after an event.

Comment [AS10]: This information should be acquired when contact is made during an event to see the current capacity of the shelter.

3. **Locations of large numbers of animals and animals in high risk locations** (if additional locations, add to notes section at the end)

High Risk Populations List (for special attention/possible evacuation during an incident)					
Complete this information before an incident			Complete this information during an incident		
High Risk Population Type (shelter, farm, home)	High Risk Population Location (physical location)	Point of Contact	POC Phone Number	Evacuated To (physical location / name / phone number)	Time

Comment [AS12]: This section is where to document locations of farms, petting zoos, shelters, homes, and other facilities where a large number of animals are housed. Locations of especially vulnerable facilities should also be documented here. Reach out to the contacts for these facilities during an event to see if assistance or evacuation is needed.

Comment [AS13]: This information gets filled out during an event if evacuation is required. If no evacuation is required, note that here.

Comment [AS14]: Having this information on hand during an emergency will enable residents to be directed to a veterinarian nearest them. A good resource for finding vets is [here](#). Try to also include info on their after-hours/emergency capacity, such as an emergency number or pager number if there is one.

Comment [AS15]: Note specialties that each veterinarian has. This will enable residents to be directed to an appropriate vet to handle their animals needs.

Comment [AS16]: Make contact with emergency vets during an event to know whether they are available. Note here whether contact was established and at what time.

Comment [AS17]: Identify individuals in your town with expertise in animal handling for large and small animals who would be willing to help, such as veterinary technicians, dog trainers, pet shop owners/employees, doggie daycare folks, shelter employees, etc. Having skilled individuals pre-identified may be helpful during an emergency when unpredictable animal handling becomes necessary. [VT Vet Tech Association](#) may have members who would be willing to fill this role.

Comment [AS18]: [Vermont Large Animal Technical Rescue Coalition](#) emergency teams are located around the state and can only be requested by your local fire department, law enforcement or veterinarian. Call 911 for help.

Comment [AS19]: It is important to have a list beforehand of where residents can evacuate to with their pets. This section is intended to be used for informational purposes during an event. A resource for finding these facilities in your area is [here](#).

Comment [AS20]: It is important to contact the facilities during an event to see if there are vacancies, so residents can be directed accordingly.

4. **Emergency Veterinarians**

Facility/Veterinarian Name	Physical Address/Location	Phone #	Specialties (large/small/exotic/other)	Contact? Time?
				<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>

5. **Individuals with Expertise in Animal Handling**

Handler Name	Physical Address/Location	Phone #	Type(s) of Animals they can handle

6. **Pet Friendly Hotels/Motels/Lodgings**

Facility Name	Address	Phone Number	Vacancy?

7. **Businesses with Animal Supplies**

Business Name	Address	Phone Number	Willing to donate?

Comment [AS21]: Handy to have information and advance feedback from pet/livestock supplies and food, such as pet shops, feed stores, tack stores, etc. that are willing to help out during an event (by donating materials).

8. **Wildlife Rehabilitation Contacts**

Facility Name	Physical Address/Location	Phone #	Type of animals accepted	Contact made?
				<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>

Comment [AS22]: Have rehabilitation facility contact information available if a need arises during an event. Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitators can be found [here](#).

Comment [AS23]: Depending on the nature of the event, it may be a good idea to reach out to rehabilitation facilities during an event to see if they are available if a need arises.

9. **State Emergency Contacts**

- Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Watch Officer (24/7 helpline for use during an event or after hours) – 1-800-347-0488
- For assistance handling wildlife or to file a report, contact the nearest Vermont State Police dispatcher by calling 911, or contact your [local Game Warden](#)
- State Veterinarian - Dr. Kristin Haas, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets - Animal Health Section - 802-828-2421 or Kristin.haas@state.vt.us
- Asst State Veterinarian - Dr. Shelley Mehlenbacher, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets - Animal Health Section - 802-828-2421 or shelley.mehlenbacher@state.vt.us
- State DART Chair - Joanne Bourbeau, Northeastern Regional Director of The Humane Society of the United States - 802-368-2790 or 301-529-3378 or info@vermontdart.org

Comment [AS24]: For further assistance during and after an event, use these contacts.

Comment [AS25]: Find Game Warden contact information by town name [here](#).

10. **Notes**