

CMDART, Inc. - Volunteer Requirements

All volunteers should have their own personal and professional emergency plan in place prior to joining the team. Volunteers are expected to have family and pet care support in the event of a call down. Volunteer planning should include family and employer approval for work absences. **In addition to the courses below, volunteers are expected to attend at least six team events or meetings per year (no meetings in July and August). Items with an asterisk **MUST** be completed before you are allowed to deploy.** If courses are available, Basics should be completed within the first six months (maximum one year) of your volunteer membership.

- **Basic Requirements - Level One**

- CMDART Introduction to Animal Disaster Services*
- Incident Command Training (ICS 100)*
- National Incident Management Systems (ICS 700)*
- Is Animals in Disasters, Modules A and B (strongly recommended)
- CMDART Emergency Animal Sheltering 101- the local/regional
- Life on the Edge: Coping with Disaster Stress *
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training if available in your community.
- Basic First Aid and CPR*
- Pet and Large Animal First Aid

- **Level Two Trainings:**

- HSUS National Disaster Animal Response Team (NDART) certification
- HSUS, EARS (United Animal Nations), or Noah's Wish Emergency Animal Sheltering course
- Team Leadership
- Shelter Management
- Volunteer Management
- Large Animal Handling
- Working with Animal Control
- Liaison - working with other agencies
- Logistics - managing the personnel and staffing
- Planning
- Communications in disasters

- **Level Three Trainings**

- Search and Rescue
- Animal and human rapid water
- Animal and human rope inclines
- Advanced ICS training
- Introduction to Hazardous Materials
- Death, euthanasia, and disposal in disasters
- Coping with health risks -for animal and human
- Triage - a Field Guide to Veterinary Services

- **Other Trainings**

- Community Education and Development
- Formal and informal disaster drills
- Exotic/special species
- Simulations
- Evacuation Exercises

- Sheltering in Place



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Volunteer Liability

CMDART instructs volunteers about liability laws including the Good Samaritan Act, the Volunteer Act, their personal responsibility for liability and medical coverage. All listed volunteers sign liability releases for the team and the operation. While CMDART does maintain organizational liability for the operation and CMDART equipment, it does not take responsibility for liability coverage for facilities used for sheltering. This will be the responsibility of the town or private owner of the facility. When deployed by town governments or agencies, CMDART expects to receive liability coverage as any other Emergency mutual aid service.



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