

**Central Massachusetts Disaster Animal Response Team (CMDART)
VOLUNTEER RELEASE OF LIABILITY HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

Adapted from forms obtained by the Humane Society of the United States.

I, _____, **HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE** that I have voluntarily applied to the Central Massachusetts Disaster Animal Response Team, Inc. (hereby referred to as CMDART) in cooperation with other Animal Rescue Agencies to volunteer in any situation in which CMDART may respond.

I AM AWARE THAT WORKING IN THE SAID DISASTER SITUATION MAY BE HAZARDOUS, AND I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPIATING IN THIS ACTIVITY WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE NATURE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED AND HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH. I AGREE THAT MY SAFETY IS DEPENDANT ON MY TAKING CARE OF MYSELF, AND I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE PROPER CARE OF MYSELF.

Please Initial: _____

I ASSUME ALL RISKS RELATED TO THE ABOVE REFERENCED ACTIVITIES including but not limited to:

- Death, drowning, injury or illness from accidents of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to bodily injury, joint trauma, broken bones, other muscular skeletal injury or illness of any nature whether severe or not, temporary or permanent, which may occur as a result of participating in the rescue of animals in disaster situations;
- Loss or injury as a result of crime or criminal act by a third party, terrorism, war, civil unrest, riot, detention by a foreign government, arrest or other act of any government or authority;
- Theft or loss of personal property;

I further acknowledge that the above list is not inclusive of all possible risks associated with the services to be performed. The above list in no way limits the extent or reach of this release and covenant not to sue. I further understand that engaging in this volunteer service is an acceptance of risk of injury.

I hereby agree that I, my heirs, distributes, guardians, legal representatives, and assigns will not make a claim against, sue, attach the property of, or prosecute CMDART, it's affiliate agencies or organizations, for injury or damage resulting from the negligence or other acts, however caused, by any employee, agent, or contractor of CMDART or its affiliates, as a result of my assisting in said disaster. In addition, I hereby release, hold harmless, and discharge CMDART and its affiliate organizations from all actions, claims or demands I, my heirs, distributes, guardians, legal representatives, or assigns may have for injury or damage resulting from my assistance in said disasters.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND CMDART, Inc. AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

VOLUNTEER'S SIGNATURE

DATE _____

WITNESS'S SIGNATURE

DATE _____