



Empire State Animal Response Team

The Empire State Animal Response Team (ESART) was created through a private-public partnership to serve as a unifying network of organizations, businesses, government agencies and individuals. ESART's mission is to support the preparedness for, response to, and recovery from emergencies affecting animals.

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County Animal Response Team

Members

- Veterinarians
- Veterinary Technicians & Assistants
- Animal Control Officers
- Dog Control Officers
- Wildlife Rehabilitators
- Farmers
- Pet Groomers
- Dog Trainers
- Emergency Service Personnel
- Interested Individuals
- Cooperative Extension Educators
- 4-H Groups
- Humane Organizations
- Boarding Kennels
- Breed Clubs, Fanciers and Associations
- Horsemen's Associations
- Farm and Cattle Associations

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Helping Animals*

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New York is home to over 19 million residents, 60% share their lives with animals. In addition to companion animals, New York has over 36,000 farms which include dairy, livestock, equine and poultry operations. Any disaster that affects humans also impacts animals. Animals are especially vulnerable when disaster strikes because they must rely on human intervention to ensure their safety.

To meet the needs of animals, New York State adopted the State Animal Response Team (SART) program. The Empire SART (ESART) was established to strengthen and support the state's capacity to respond to animal emergencies by supporting the development of local plans and response teams.

In addition to the ESART program, New York enacted legislation to support county planning and preparedness initiatives for animals.



ESART Goals

- Establish a state-wide communication and coordination system that facilitates a rapid and effective response to any emergency affecting animals
- Decrease the threat to health and safety of both humans and animals in emergencies
- Minimize the economic impact of emergencies affecting animals
- Prevent or decrease the spread of disease during emergencies affecting animals
- Minimize the loss or separation of animals from their owners

The CART

Because disaster response begins and ends at the local level, ESART promotes and supports the creation of County Animal Response Teams (CART). ESART provides assistance to county emergency managers for CART development, training, credentialing, and resource coordination during disasters. ESART acts as the *State Association* of all recognized CARTs.

How You Can Help

Volunteer! Attend an ESART orientation and become a volunteer. We need people with varying skills, expertise, and resources. Volunteers may participate in planning, preparedness, and response activities.

Donate! Do you have supplies, equipment or facilities that can be used for an emergency animal response? Contact ESART or your local CART to establish a donation agreement *in advance* of a disaster. Knowing where these resources are available before a disaster strikes will expedite a coordinated emergency response effort.

