



Animal Rescue League Emergency Management Plan for Animal Rescue

When disaster strikes. An emergency response is required to provide adequate care of animals during times of emergencies. The Animal Rescue League will help...

1. Initiate search, rescue and transportation of animals to the shelter.
2. Receive and care for animals.
3. Identify, control, and, if necessary, destroy animals that pose hazards to the well being and safety of citizens.
4. Register, tag, and establish accurate records of all animals.
5. Maintain effective communication with the local Emergency Operations Center, and field personnel.
6. Provide food, water, and waste disposal for animals.
7. Provide care for sick and/or injured animals.
8. Supervise prevention and control of zoonotic diseases in cooperation with the local health department.

Recovery: the situation has abated and conditions are returning to normal. The Animal Rescue League will...

1. Reunite animals with owners, following protocols developed for an orderly reunification process.
2. Make arrangements for long-term care of animals still unclaimed by homeless owners.
3. Identify and dispose of dead animals.
4. Provide documentation of injuries and deaths of animals to the Emergency Management Organization.
5. Deactivate emergency housing utilizing appropriate cleaning and disinfecting procedures, returning the site to its original condition.
6. Report disaster related expenses to the local emergency manager.

Responsibilities

A. Local EMO Manager will...

1. Participate in the development of and incorporate an animal care and control annex into the local Emergency Operations Plan.
2. Disseminate animal sheltering and emergency care information to the public prior to, during, and after disasters.
3. Include the Animal Rescue League in disaster planning, training, and exercises.
4. Coordinate animal and mass care sheltering for adults with the Animal Rescue League and the Canadian Red Cross.

B. Animal Control

1. Manage animal disaster response operations in coordination with Emergency Management.
2. Coordinate activities of the animal rescue teams.
3. Assist with transportation of animals to the Animal Rescue League.
4. Assist in animal rescue operations.
5. Assign a representative to the Emergency Operations Center as requested by the Emergency Manager.
6. In coordination with local animal welfare organizations develop a training program for animal rescue teams.

C. Animal Rescue League

1. Develop and maintain with local officials a current list of animal care facilities, food supplies, cage suppliers and hotels and motels willing to accept pets.
2. Develop and train volunteers willing to assist in setting up and maintaining an emergency animal shelter to accept animals into their homes for the duration of the disaster and/or to transport them to temporary shelters.
3. Maintain records of where animals are housed and reunite owners with animals if necessary.
4. Supervise the transportation and temporary housing of these animals.
5. Coordinate with the local emergency manager for the release of media notices when it comes to animal issues.
6. Assign a representative to the Emergency Operations Center as requested by the Emergency Manager.
7. Maintain communication with the Emergency Operations Center.
8. Coordinate the need for medical care of animals brought to the Animal Rescue League, or rescued during the disaster, with local veterinarians.
9. Coordinate the rescue of injured or displaced wildlife with the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

D. Canadian Red Cross and other Non-Governmental Disaster Organizations

1. Include animal organizations and animal facilities in local Red Cross plans, training, and exercises.
2. Utilize a resource list of animal control agencies, animal welfare organizations, and/or local veterinarians to provide information or referrals to pet owners.
3. Provide referral information to shelter residents/disaster victims who may need temporary care for their pets while staying in the Red Cross shelter.
4. Provide pet sheltering information at the Red Cross Shelter information /intake desk.
5. Provide assistance with making food available to animal shelter workers through ongoing mass feeding efforts that are supporting human shelters.
6. Coordinate with Animal Rescue League in disseminating information to the media regarding the availability and location of emergency animal sheltering.
7. Offer Pet First Aid courses to the community to support preparedness of pet owners to care for their animals in emergencies and to augment training of potential volunteers.

E. Cooperative Extension Agents

1. Work with the SPCA to develop and disseminate to local farmers information on emergency preparedness for livestock and poultry.
2. Assist the SPCA in the rescue and sheltering of livestock.
3. In coordination with the health department and the Canadian Department of Agriculture, assist in the isolation, euthanasia and disposal of diseased animals.

F. Health Department and Environmental Quality

1. Provide information and directives to Canada Food Inspection Agency when necessary to isolate diseased animals or to dispose of diseased animals.

G. Department of Transportation

1. Coordinate and provide support for animal-related transport needs, including an inventory of specialized transport equipment needed and availability.
2. Provide assistance in the disposal of diseased animals in disaster operation as requested by the local veterinarians.

General Resources

- A. Local animal care facilities, including veterinary clinics, boarding kennels, grooming establishments.
- B. Local pet food/equipment suppliers
- C. Local hotels and motels that will accommodate pets
- D. Sources for emergency transportation of animals and supplies.
- E. Auxiliary communication sources, i.e. amateur radio operators.
- F. Auxiliary power supply in case of power failure
- G. Large facilities that might be converted for temporary use for people with animals (fair grounds, exhibit centers, racetracks, private farms, and zoos etc.

Support Organizations (See attached lists)

- A. Veterinarians
- B. Provincial veterinary association
- C. Licensed wildlife rehabilitators (Dept Natural Resources)
- D. Local Rescue Organizations
- F. Bird clubs (Dept Natural Resources)(Fisheries and Oceans)
- H. Horse clubs (See Local SPCA)
- J. Young farmers' associations (See Local SPCA)
- K. Colleges, universities, community colleges, technical schools
- L. Media – TV, radio, newspapers

Education and Training

- A. The Animal Rescue League – www.saintjohnanimalrescue.com
- B. The Saint John Emergency Management Organization – murielle.provost@saintjohn.ca
- C. The New Brunswick Veterinary Medical Association – www.nbvma-amvnb.ca
- D. The Canadian Red Cross – www.redcross.ca
- E. The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies – www.cfhs.ca