

When a disaster strikes,  
who will take care of  
**Them?**



## MARYLAND STATE ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM

Providing Prevention, Preparedness,  
Response, and Recovery for  
Emergencies Affecting Animals



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## Donations

- Donations are tax deductible. SART is a private 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its tax identification number is 57-1221456.
- Please visit SART's website, [www.mdsart.org](http://www.mdsart.org) for a complete list of needed items and drop-off locations.
- Cash donations (to be used to purchase equipment and materials) are graciously welcome.
- SART is always in need of voluntary help from people who own specialized equipment and are willing to donate their time and services during a disaster situation. In this case, please visit SART's website to determine what is needed and who to contact if you wish to volunteer your services.
- Donations can be mailed to:  
**MDSART**  
8015 Corporate Drive, Suite A  
Baltimore, MD 21236

## Need More Information?



You may contact us by email at  
[mdsart@managementalliance.com](mailto:mdsart@managementalliance.com)

OR

by phone: 410.931.3332, ext. 109  
by fax: 410.931.2060

[www.mdsart.org](http://www.mdsart.org)

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## MDSART Volunteer Roster and Donation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_ Title (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Areas of Expertise: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interested in volunteering for:  Administrative work (answering phones, mailings, etc.);  Disaster response at the county level (requires completion of training);  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am interested in donating the following:  Item(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Equipment (use of equipment in an emergency situation): \_\_\_\_\_  
 In-Kind Donation of Services: \_\_\_\_\_ Monetary Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Monetary donations will be used to purchase necessary disaster response equipment and to further the training and outreach efforts of the Maryland State Animal Response Team. (Personal and corporate checks are welcome). Checks should be made payable to "MDSART" and sent to 8015 Corporate Drive, Suite A, Baltimore, MD 21236.

## Beginning of SART

Today we all worry about the threat of a natural or man-made disaster. Animals are especially vulnerable during emergencies because they must totally rely on us for help. In 1998, Hurricane Floyd claimed the lives of millions of animals in North Carolina and thousands more were separated from their owners. Most of these animals could have been saved if a coordinated response plan were in place. After recognizing the need for an animal response plan, the State Animal Response Team (SART) was born. In 2006, Maryland adopted the SART concept to create the Maryland State Animal Response Team (MDSART).



## Tips for Protecting Your Animals in a Disaster

### *Prepare, Prepare, Prepare!*

1. Keep a "Pet Emergency Kit" accessible. The kit should include: a few days' supply of medication(s), your pet's medical and vaccination records, a leash, collar, identification, water, food, toys, and bedding.
2. Make sure that your animals have some form of permanent identification, *i.e.*, a microchip, brand, tattoo, etc.
3. Purchase a pet carrier and label it with emergency contact information.
4. Store water and food for emergencies.
5. Create a contingency plan for animals, including horses, livestock, etc., in an emergency situation that addresses transportation, water and food resources, and areas for confinement, if needed.
6. Include a picture of you and your pet, together, in your official papers.

## Goals of MDSART

### Respond Quickly and Effectively

- To facilitate a rapid, coordinated, and effective response to any emergency affecting animals.
- To decrease the health and safety threat to humans and animals.
- To minimize the economic impact of emergencies affecting animals.
- To prevent or decrease the spread of disease during emergencies affecting animals.

## How You Can Help

1. **Volunteer!** Visit our website, [www.mdsart.org](http://www.mdsart.org), to find out how to become a SART volunteer or complete the attached *Volunteer Roster Form*. We need people with a variety of skills, expertise, and resources. Our website also includes a calendar of events for free training opportunities, so when a disaster strikes, you are trained and ready to go.
2. **Donate!** Preparing for a disaster and responding to one is expensive and requires a lot of resources and equipment. Plus, MDSART helps all animals. This requires a need to be ready for any kind of disaster event, and depending on the animals involved, it may require special equipment. Any financial contributions to support MDSART's training and response efforts is greatly appreciated.
3. **Prepare!** In preparation for an emergency, developing emergency plans and using disaster preparedness kits are effective ways to protect your family, pets/animals, and property.

## About MDSART

### Any Animal, Any Disaster, Anywhere

Through a private-public partnership, MDSART serves as a unifying network of organizations, businesses, federal/state government agencies, and individuals who support the need to provide prevention, preparedness, emergency response, and animal recovery. Since disaster response must occur from a local level, MDSART builds County Animal Response Teams (CARTs) across the state. County coordinators will be selected to lead the development of county teams, consisting of volunteers, who will respond to the emergencies.



**"THE NUMBER ONE REASON  
PEOPLE REFUSE TO EVACUATE THEIR HOMES DURING AN EMERGENCY IS BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO LEAVE A PET BEHIND"**



**IF YOU EVACUATE, TAKE YOUR PET!**

