



## Training Brochure

### No Animal Left Behind

DART (Disaster Animal Response Team) assists pets and their owners in a disaster.

Our primary objective is to set up a temporary animal shelter where your pet can be safe. We will establish that shelter near an emergency evacuation center so that you can be with your animal. We have partnered with the American Red Cross. Many of our members are also members of American Red Cross Disaster Services.

As members of your local CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) we perform search and rescue for animals and people and we assist in transporting your animals and yourself to safety.

We train our fellow CERT members in safe animal handling techniques.

In a disaster we draw on resources of Noah's Wish, a national organization specializing in animal sheltering and rescue.

Finally we conduct pet emergency preparedness campaigns to help pet owners prepare for disasters.

**Please join us.** Check out our website at: <http://LamorindaDART.org>, email us at [dart@LamorindaCERT.org](mailto:dart@LamorindaCERT.org) or call our Coordinator (Frans Hoffman) at (925) 878-1323

### Quotes From Participants:

"Loved the input from the people who had actual experiences. Real life stories made a deeper understanding for me."

"Liked the fact that all CERT members were welcomed, not just Lamorinda CERT. Please keep us in mind for further training! Thank you!"

"This course alleviates some of the reservations of helping out in a disaster because one becomes more familiar with the "How To's" in volunteering to help."

"It was good to hear stories of what to expect from people who have been in a disaster."

"I liked the informal atmosphere + the LACK of superficiality. All questions taken seriously. Respect shown to all."

"The references to additional training are very helpful (e.g. animal first aid, FEMA classes, etc.):"

"The in-class discussions and presentations were GREAT. (The trainer's efforts greatly appreciated!!!"

Register at [www.LamorindaDART.org](http://www.LamorindaDART.org)

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# DISASTER ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING

## DART Training

DART members are expected to be CERT graduates.

In addition to CERT training we **require**:

FEMA classes:

1. IS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System
2. IS-200 ICS for Single Resources & Initial Action Incidents
3. IS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS)
4. Pet First Aid and CPR

This training is available online at <http://training.fema.gov>

Please give copies of your certifications to the DART Coordinator

We would also like you to have:

1. IS-10 Animals in Disasters, module A
2. IS-11 Animals in Disaster, Module B: Community Planning
3. IS-111 Livestock in Disasters
4. Red Cross Human First Aid and CPR

## Course Description

### Theory (20 hours):

1. Introduction to DART
2. Disaster Management
3. Shelter Organization
4. Shelter Operations
5. Animal Intake
6. Animal Photography
7. Animal Behavior
8. Medical Operations
9. Decontamination
10. Deployment
11. Communications
12. Reunification
13. Animal behavior

### Shelter Drill (8 hours):

You will set up a shelter, perform intake, provide care and security and assist veterinarians and/or veterinary technicians in providing medical care. We will use the Contra Costa County Animal Services Emergency Response Trailer.

Combined with the required and recommend FEMA courses this is a 40 hour advanced (Level III) CERT training.

## DART Specific Training

On the left you will find the course description for the DART Training. Classes will be offered throughout the year. If a published date or location does not suit you, send an email to [dart@LamorindaCERT.org](mailto:dart@LamorindaCERT.org) with suggestions for a more convenient date.

## Recommended Training

We recommend that you train with one of the national animal welfare groups and volunteer with them. We recommend the **Noah's Wish In-Field Training** (<http://NoahsWish.org>). In a disaster Noah's Wish will be our backup.

