

The Niagara County Animal Response Team (CART) was created in coordination with the Niagara County Office of Emergency Management. The CART is an organized group of volunteers that assist animals impacted by a disaster/emergency.



### **LEGAL PROTECTIONS**

Upon completion of the required training, you will be considered a "qualified" volunteer. Qualified volunteers are covered for liability and worker's compensation as if they were state employees. This protection is provided by Article 26A of New York State Agriculture and Markets law.

### **Niagara CART Requirements**

**Volunteer Application-** *Contact us for application*

**Complete four online training courses:**

**\*CART/ESART Orientation –**

[https://alert.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/02/esart\\_orientation.pdf](https://alert.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/02/esart_orientation.pdf)

**\*IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100 –**

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c>

**\*IS-700.B: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System –**

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.b>

**\*IS-5.A: An Introduction to Hazardous Materials –**

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-5.a>

**Sign ESART Code of Conduct -**

<https://alert.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2018/12/code-conduct.pdf>

## **Niagara County Animal Response Team Members**

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

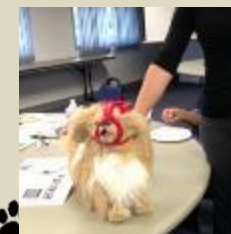
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**Niagara County Animal  
Response Teams –**  
*Helping People,  
Helping Animals*

**Niagara County Department of Health**

**Division of Planning &  
Emergency Preparedness**

## Niagara County

Niagara County is home to over 212,000 residents, 60% share their lives with animals. In addition to companion animals, the county has hundreds of 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, Niagara County created a CART under the Empire State Animal Response Team (ESART) program. Niagara County Department of Health Division of Planning and Emergency Preparedness manages one of two regional trailers which house a small cache of animal sheltering equipment and supplies.



“Niagara Falls Ice Rescue” Niagara Gazette  
Photo by James Neiss



“Residents (and dog)  
rescued from NT  
house fire” 2014  
Niagara Gazette,  
Don Heupel

- Ensure trained people and resources are in place to facilitate 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



Niagara County CART Microchip  
Clinic 2013



Niagara County CART  
Animal First Aid & CPR  
Training 2014



Niagara County CART  
Animal Sheltering  
Exercise 2014

### ☐ Volunteer!

Contact us for registration information and training opportunities. We need people with varying skills, expertise, and resources. Volunteers may participate in planning, preparedness, and response activities.

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### ☐ Donate!

Do you have supplies, equipment or facilities that can be used for an emergency animal response (crates, food bowls, feed, trailer, etc)? Contact Niagara County 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.