



Napa CART News

Napa Community Animal Response Team

Preparedness Training • Emergency Response • Recovery & Support

As we enter the holiday season, the Napa Community Animal Response Team has a great deal for which we are thankful. Since the 2017 October wildfires, we have been working steadily to train volunteers, develop crucial equipment caches, and enhance our preparedness for the next disaster. The support of our community has been tremendous, and we wish to share some highlights from this spring, summer and fall:

April

- Napa CART received valuable training from NVADG (North Valley Animal Disaster Group) leaders Lori Finch and John Maretti on Animal Handling Safety and Fireline Safety.



May

- Napa CART volunteers practiced taking vitals and safe handling on dogs, horses, and goats at Napa Valley Horsemen's Association.

June

- Several Napa CART members graduated from a CERT (Community Animal Response Team) class.
- Napa CART hosted a Trailer Safety & Maneuvering Course at Napa Valley College.



July

- Participated in the Napa Valley 4th of July parade with many of our volunteers.
- Hosted Napa Wildlife Rescue and learned valuable information regarding interactions with wildlife
- Rolled out our small animal shelter trailer.



August

- Met with our Community Advisory Board and coordinated contacts and supplies to enhance response.
- Gathered supplies to assist with the River Fire relief and support animals in shelters. Thank you to the many who made donations and sent supplies.



September

- Hosted an Activation Drill at Napa Valley Horsemen's Association and conducted external and internal reviews of the drill.
- Napa CART received a generous grant from JARR (Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch) to acquire supplies to fortify existing shelter sites and equipment caches throughout Napa Valley.



October

- Hosted our second Animal Handling & Vitals class of the year.
- The DeLong-Sweet Foundation granted the equipment caches needed to outfit a rapid shelter deployment at Calistoga Fairgrounds.



November

- Hosted a PG&E Electrical Line Safety Training with Napa CERT and AC (American Canyon) CERT.
- 7 more Napa CART members completed their CERT training.
- Assisted NVADG in the Camp Fire response in Butte County.



SAVE THE DATE: February 2 & 3, 2019 Volunteer Training in Animal Disaster Response

- New volunteers will register for Sat. February 2 from 8:30am to 2:00pm
- Those who attended last year's Volunteer Training will register for Sun. February 3 from 8:30am to 2:00pm.
- Please register through our website: <https://napacart.org/events/>
Please note: This training is **required for all who wish to volunteer to assist animals in disaster as part of Napa CART.

Donation Opportunities: We are excited that our equipment caches are growing and are overwhelmed by the generous amounts of funding we've received this year through grants and private donations. Each donation gets us one step closer to our goal of becoming fully outfitted and prepared for any disaster that may affect the animals of Napa Valley and surrounding counties. If you are interested in helping us achieve our goals, please consider donating to Napa CART here: <https://napacart.org/donate/>