



State of Maine
Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management
Maine Emergency Management Agency

Emergency Management Training Announcement
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

CERT Academy Series: CART/SMART
Basic Animals Emergency Services
Disaster Sheltering for Companion Animals
September 27 & 28, 2014

The Maine Emergency Management Agency will be presenting the first of the CERT Academy Series for statewide CERT team members and others interested in obtaining the training. This program is being presented in conjunction with the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Animal Health. Both courses will be delivered by certified instructors from MARS pet care.

These programs have been designed to educate people who will be involved in animal rescue and sheltering in the event of a disaster. Animal emergency response is a complex rescue and sheltering field that requires specific skills and expertise. Day 1 is designed to be a basic introduction to the components of animal emergency response, and not a step-by-step resource guide for rescue and sheltering. Day 2 will educate people who will be involved in the logistical and operational stages of an animal emergency shelter in the event of a disaster. The manual is designed to be a resource guide, so it is divided into sections with the necessary steps — from choosing the location for the shelter to daily care procedures.

Target Audience: Members of State CART/SMART will have priority; Class size is limited to 40 participants. There are no prerequisites, however, it is recommended that learners have a basic understanding of emergency response, have some knowledge and experience with companion animals, and have taken IS 100.a.

Course Location: The course will be held at the Black Bear Inn facility located at 4 Godfrey Dr, Orono, ME. Classes will run from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Lunch and breaks will be provided; lodging is available upon qualification please contact MEMA training for prior approval. Mileage may be reimbursed for CART/SMART members, carpooling is encouraged. All other expenses the responsibility of the student.

For further information , please contact Richard or Mike at MEMA 800-452-8735
All applications should be submitted by email/fax via FEMA training application form found at:

<http://www.maine.gov/mema/training>

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