



ABOUT ART

Central Ohio Animal Response Team (ART) & Ohio Regional Animal Response Team (ORART #4)

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HISTORY (2006 – 2013)

The concept of state-wide, all-hazards Ohio animal disaster response capabilities were discussed and preliminarily designed by members of the Ohio Animal Health Emergency Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in 2006. After years of coordinated activities between the Ohio Animal Health Emergency Technical Advisory Committee, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA), and many other agencies and individuals, eight Ohio Regional Animal Response Teams (ORART) were added to the Ohio Responds Registry in 2013.

The purity of a person’s heart can be quickly measured by how they regard animals – Author Unknown

ORIENTATION MEETINGS

A volunteer presentation and orientation session are scheduled on the first Thursday of every month in Conference Room 119 C of the Columbus Public Health Department. Meetings run from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Learn about the Animal Response Team and the opportunities available for volunteers. The presentation includes an overview of the design, processes, and responsibilities of the team in the event of an animal disaster or disease emergency, as well as the development of a regional safety net for animals. The address is 240 Parsons Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43215. No reservation is required, and there is well-lit free parking on the East side (rear) of the building. This session allows an applicant to complete the three steps to becoming a member of the Central Ohio and Ohio Regional Animal Response Team: (1) Attend the orientation session, (2) complete a member survey, and (3) have a picture taken for your ID badge. If you are already a volunteer, invite a friend or someone else who might be interested in helping out when people and animals are in need.

Q: Are the Central Ohio and Ohio Regional Animal Response Team #4 the same?

A: Yes. If you register through the Ohio Responds website to become a member of the Ohio Regional Animal Response Team, your name and information will be in the Ohio Responds registry. As such, your information is available to the Ohio Emergency Management Association, the Ohio Department of Health, and the personnel who maintain the Ohio Responds database. After completing registration and orientation requirements, persons listed in the state registry qualify for state liability coverage when activated for emergencies.

Q: Why is there more than one logo?

A: The logo used by the State of Ohio (left) is used to signify all eight (8) Ohio regional teams, whereas, the logo used by the Central Ohio Animal Response Team is used to signify the regional team covering the 15 counties in Ohio Homeland Security Region #4 (shown next page). The other seven regional teams in Ohio may utilize their own logo and/or the Ohio logo.

OHIO REGIONAL ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM (ORART) LOGO SHOWN BELOW





Animal Response Team logo 2006 - 2012

THE CENTRAL OHIO ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM LOGO HAS BEEN UPDATED

The old logo, as shown on the left, portrayed sunlight streaming through storm clouds, a family being reunited with their pets (disaster response), and a veterinarian examining a horse (disease response). The tent portrayed the shelter used in disaster response activities. The new logo, as shown at the top of the newsletter, offers a refined look and displays the slogan used by the Central Ohio Animal Response Team.

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