



ABOUT VOLUNTEERING

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

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Why Should I Volunteer?

Volunteering with the Animal Response Team is a simple and effective way to use and improve animal-related skills, while helping to keep your family, pets and neighborhood safe and healthy. For example, you may learn skills to use during an emergency, or while providing some services for the most vulnerable members of your community.

Volunteering can give the great satisfaction of helping others. For many individuals, volunteering gives them a sense of purpose and meaning in their lives. It helps to broaden their social networks, and that can have many positive effects. Volunteering provides opportunities for social interactions with fellow volunteers while supporting an important activity in the community. Interacting with others with a common interest is also a great way to create new relationships.

What Would I Do As A Volunteer?

ART volunteers train - individually and with other members of the team - in order to improve their skills, knowledge and abilities.

Sometimes the training is coursework, and other times it is part of a game, drill, or exercise conducted with partner organizations in the community.

Many ART volunteers assist with activities to improve public health in their community – increasing animal disease knowledge and supporting zoonotic disease efforts.

In an emergency, local resources get called upon first, sometimes with little or no warning. As a member of an ART unit, you can be part of an organized and trained team. You will be ready and able to bolster local emergency planning and response capabilities.

The specific role that you will play, and the activities in which you will participate, will depend upon your background, interests and skills, as well as the needs of the ART team and the community.

Who Would I Volunteer With?

The ART Team is led by a regional ART Team Director, who integrates local volunteer capabilities and schedules with local needs for both emergency responses and public health initiatives.

Many ART members are just like you – community members who believe in keeping your local area healthy, prepared and resilient. They share your commitment to helping animals and making a difference.

You may also work closely with staff members from the local health department, emergency management agency, Red Cross or other organizations that partner with the ART. In fact, the services that you provide may help these other organizations to meet their mission.