

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM
C.A.R.T.**

November 19, 2008 MEETING

The third meeting of the Cumberland County Animal Response Team took place at 6:00 pm, at the Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency, 22 High Street, Windham, Maine .

Attendees:

James Budway	Adele Jones
Adam Farrington	Bonnie Canfield
Carole Jean	George M. Libby
Amanda Poulin	Lorrie Ferrari
Connie Herrick	Roy Gorman
Tom McMillan	Lisa Smith
Chuck Burnier	Mary Kahl
Lloyd Donnellan	Bobbi-Jo Dobbs
Sherry Flammia	Chris Harriman
Kate Archambault	Kelly Strout
Pete Smith	Dr. Lund
Karen Hawkins w/ Mazie the Therapy Dog	

Adele Jones opened the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Dr. Lund, DVM, was the first speaker.. Dr. Lund is also a member of the Androscoggin CART team, and works mostly with large animals.

One of our attending volunteers, Karen Hawkins, had her therapy dog in training with her and Dr. Lund asked if she could use Mazie to demonstrate some of the things to look for when animals come into the shelter; how to check the color of their gums; eyes, ears, leg joints, heart rate and document this information to give to Vet who comes to the Shelter to examine some of the animals.

She gave examples on how to handle cats, dogs etc that would come into shelter. She advised to be very careful of bites from Cats, they are the worst kind. And if volunteer bitten by a cat, seek medical attention.

Adam Farrington then did a presentation on some of the equipment he that could be used at the shelter; different muzzles for cats and dogs; a muzzle on a dog leaves his eyes uncovered, on a cat the muzzle covers the eyes to help quiet the animal. Also showed slip leashes, catch poles, and cat nets. This will be covered more and practicing done using these items during our shelter setup exercise in coming months.

Adam spoke about a few things to look for regarding dog body language. These observations will help a person judge the mood the animal is in; different warning signs in the body language to watch for, so that possibly you can avoid getting bit.

Next Jim Budway, spoke on when, how and why the CART would possibly be activated. Jim asked how the City Watch test went on Monday night. Evidently went fairly well, a couple of people will need their phone number updated. Will forwarded these changes to Eric.

Jim said that he is putting in for a grant to help look into different locations for setting up Regional Shelters, hoping to have 10 designated shelters in the County.

Discussed how the Incident Command System, CART Call out, and evacuation to shelters fits into chain of command during and event.

The group decided that reminder of the next meeting should be done through City Watch so that they can become familiar with the process. In addition there will also be an email reminder sent out by me.

Some of the group didn't get the last meetings minutes so will resend them with this months.

Adele discussed the Pet CPR course, a date of January 24, 2009 (Saturday) is open, and there will be a morning and afternoon session, minimum of 8 and maximum of 12 people in each class.

Payment will come out of 2008 grant funds.

People were asked to email me no later then Dec. 1st reference which session they would prefer to attend.

Discussed CPR/Human classes; these will be conducted at a date to be determined in February 2009.

There will be no meeting in December.

The next regular CART meeting will be January 27th 6pm at 22 High Street, Windham, Me.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Canfield,
CCEMA CART Liaison