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CUMBERLAND COUNTY
COMMUNITY ANIMAL RESPONSES TEAM MEETING

APRIL 22, 2009, 6PM

Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Adele Jones.

Ken Ward of the Oxford County Animal Response Team, was our guest speaker. The Oxford CART Team has been operating for approximately 3 years and we felt that their experiences would be helpful to our team in getting us further along in our efforts to get our team up and running by June 1st.

Ken did a power point presentation and question and answer session. Ken stated that hospitals/nursing homes sometime throw out old towels, sheets, IV poles, laundry bag holders; and these things could be used in shelter set up. Sheets/towels to cover cages. I V Poles to hang tarps from to separate pet areas etc. Will definitely check into this. Also when looking at a building for pet shelter, sketch out placement of different areas in bldg, reception, dogs, cats etc so you will have plan already sketched out as to where things will go. Saves time. When using plastic cages, thrown away the screws that hold them together and use flex ties (get grunches of these) easier.

You will also need rubber runners for floors, so that no one will slip on plastic that will line areas. Will also need a small locking refrigerator for medications, a Camera/printer for photo of pets with owners. Ken had numerous great ideas for us to incorporate into our planning.

Attendees at the meeting were:

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| Helen Hurgin | Karen Hawkins | Joanne Gartland |
| Amanda Poulin | Bobbi-Jo Dobbs | Roy Gorman |
| Tom McMillian | Kevin Googins | Connie Herrick |
| Colleen Coyne | Mary Kahl | Carole Jean |
| Chris Harriman | Marti Snyder | Bobby Silcott |
| Wendy Smith | George M. Libby | Lorrie Ferrari |

Adele Jones
Lisa Smith
Tammy Lebeau

Ron Jones
Eric Sawyer
Bonnie Canfield

Peter Smith
Dale Leighton

The First Public Informational Meeting of the Cumberland County CART will be held June 27th, 10am at Casco Central Fire Station, Rt. 121 in Casco. Adele will be doing a presentation on having a plan for your Pets in Case of emergency; things to have one hand in case you have to evacuate with your pet; and explaining what the CART is and what a Pet Friendly Shelter is.

Asked if there were any more people who wanted to sign up for the CERT training that David Feeney will be conducting.

A class or two may be held during meetings for people that haven't been able to finish up some of there IS courses.

Advised the team that Lisa Smith had acquired a donation from the Hale Trucking Company of a trailer Pod (metal storage container) that will put on site at this Location, all we pay for is trucking charges.

There is also a building in Casco, behind the Central Station (which is their people shelter,) that could be used for CART shelter. We will need to sign MOU with the Town.

Jim Budway, EMA Director, will speak with County Attorney and County Manager/ Commissioners regarding the team starting the paperwork on becoming a 501C3 organization. This will allow us to accept donations and allow person who donate, to write off income taxes.\

The State of Maine has also designated CART teams as Special Teams. This means if an event is declared and we are asked to respond then volunteers would be covered under Workers Comp. and Liability insurance for that event while on scene.

There will be training held in Sept. on setting up Pet shelter. This will be held in Augusta.

Also a 3 day CERT Course will be held in Arcadia Park in Sept. More info to follow.

Large Animal Rescue Training will be held at Pineland in July for three days.

The Group took a short break and divided up into 5 groups:

- √ Public Information Group – Mary Kahl will chair
- √ Outreach and Education- Tammy Lebeau chill chair
- √ Acquisitions/supplies- Lisa Smith to chair
 - Sub group: Donation Management
- √ Animal Care Teams: Roy Gorham and Chris Harriman to Co-Chair
 - Sub Group: Animal Rescue

- Shelter Care- Vet Tech Person

√ Training: Adele Jones

The group has decided that they would like to break out into groups for the last hour of each regular meeting

Next CART meeting is Tuesday, May 26, 2009 6pm at the Bunker. Will be discussing what the groups are doing and the upcoming public meeting in June.

Bonnie Canfield
County CART Liaison