



Pennsylvania State Animal
Response Team (PASART)
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PASART POLICY

NO. P2011-1

SUBJECT: Temporary Foster Care of Animals Policy and Form

DATE: May, 2011

I. PURPOSE

To establish a policy for the temporary foster care of domestic animals by CARTs in the state.

II. GOAL

Establishes a uniform policy and procedure under which requests for temporary foster care of domestic animals displaced by events affecting their care givers are considered.

III. POLICY

It is the policy of PASART to provide for foster care of domestic animals in the Commonwealth where those animals have been displaced through an event affecting their care giver(s) which render the care giver(s) unable to provide care for their animal(s). These events must be ones where the County CART has been deployed by their County EMA 911 and where the County CART has made the decision that they have the capability and willingness to provide for such care.

IV. APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all PASART members and CART members.

V. PROCEDURES/REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS

1. PASART hereby approves and supports any CART which decides that it has the capacity to provide temporary foster care for domestic animals displaced due to an event for which the CART was deployed.
2. If the CART decides to provide foster care under #1 above, it must use the agreement form included below. This form is signed by both the owner of the animal(s) and the CART designee.
3. The CART has the sole discretion to decide the length of time covered by the fostering agreement.
4. **Animal(s) Description: CARTS will use the Approved PASART Animal Intake Form to describe the animal.**

5. Use of PASART Owned equipment for fostering is governed by the Equipment Loan Policy.

6. A copy of the signed agreement is provided to the owner and to the PASART Executive Director.

VII. DISTRIBUTION

1. PASART Members
2. County Animal Response Team (CART) Leaders
3. County Emergency Management Coordinators
4. PEMA Area Offices
5. PA Department of Agriculture

County Animal Response Team Owner Agreement Form

I, _____, am requesting emergency assistance for my pets by the _____ County Animal Response Team. I understand and agree to the following:

1. Foster care is available at no cost by qualified, screened team members for a period not to exceed _____ days.
2. The owner is to call the foster home at _____ every 48 hours (at minimum) to give and receive updated information regarding their pet(s).
3. _____ County Animal Response Team members cannot authorize or pay for veterinary services. Veterinary care is the responsibility of the owner.
4. In the event of an unexpected emergency, every reasonable attempt will be made to contact the owner. If the owner cannot be reached, veterinary care will be provided for the pet at the expense of the owner.
5. Pets must be claimed by _____ (fill in date) within unless specific changes to this date have been agreed upon in writing.
6. In the event that I am unable to reclaim my pet(s) by the date shown in #5 I understand that by signing this agreement, I also agree to transfer ownership of my pet(s) to the above referenced CART. The CART will then turn over the pet(s) to an appropriate humane authority or rescue group.
7. Also, I am affirming that the animal(s) referenced by this agreement are either owned by me or have been placed in my care by the owner and responsibility for the welfare of this/these animal(s) has been delegated to me.
8. **Animal(s) Description: Attached Animal Intake Form**

Owner signature (Picture ID Required)

Date

CART Representative