



Pennsylvania State Animal  
Response Team (PASART)  
2605 Interstate Drive  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-9364

# PASART POLICY

## NO. 2013-1

**SUBJECT: Surrender of Animals To PASART during or  
after a Disaster**

**DATE: February 5, November ,  
2013**

### I. PURPOSE

To establish a policy for the voluntary surrender of healthy animals being sheltered by PASART during disasters.

### II. GOAL

Establish a uniform policy statement regarding surrender of healthy animals during or after a disaster. This policy shall be utilized only after all reasonable efforts have been exhausted to place the animal(s) for which surrender is being sought with a humane society, rescue group or sheltering organization.

### III. POLICY/Procedure

It is the policy of PASART to support the appropriate surrender of animals from individuals who have been displaced by a disaster and have no temporary or permanent home for said animals.

In the event such surrender shall become necessary, the respective CART will make arrangements for that surrender and completion of the attached form. The animal(s) will be duly transferred to an appropriate humane society or rescue group. The animal(s) will then become the responsibility of that authority for future disposition.

This policy applies only to animals that are perceived by the CART to be reasonably healthy. Animals which appear to be ill will remain the responsibility of the owner.

**Only the Executive Director of PASART, or his designee should he be otherwise unavailable, can approve the surrender of an animal pursuant to this Policy.**

### IV. APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all PASART members and CART members.

# County Animal Response Team Owner Agreement Form

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, am surrendering my healthy pets to the \_\_\_\_\_ County Animal Response Team.

I understand and agree to the following:

1. I am surrendering my pets who have been temporarily housed at an animal shelter operated by \_\_\_\_\_ CART as a result of a disaster.
2. I have made this decision because I am no longer in a position to provide the appropriate care for my pets as a result of the impact the disaster has had on my ability to provide such care.
3. I acknowledge that I have exhausted all reasonable efforts to place the animal(s) for which I am seeking surrender with a humane society, rescue group or sheltering organization.
4. I also understand that the above referenced CART will then turn over the pet(s) to an appropriate humane authority or rescue group.
5. 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.
6. In consideration for being permitted to surrender the animal(s) in connection with this policy, I HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE and FOREVER DISCHARGE PASART, and \_\_\_\_\_ CART and the officers, directors and employees of the above parties from any and all claims, causes of action, damages, losses (economic and non-economic) and liabilities of every kind for theft, death or injury which may arise to the surrendered animal(s) listed above.
7. I understand that this surrender is irrevocable.
8. **Animal(s) Description: Attached Animal Intake Form**

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Owner signature (Picture ID Required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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CART Representative (Witness)

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Executive Director, PASART