

**Pennsylvania State Animal Response Team
CART Coordinators Conference Call Minutes
Tuesday, February 12, 2008
7:00 p.m.-8:05 p.m.**

- I. Welcome – Joel Hersh
- II. County Reports/Information Sharing
- Venango/Forest CART- provided update on their outreach activities to fire chiefs and their members. Since this outreach began three deployments have occurred. Also talked about operational/equipment access issues. The team will be hosting a Mock Disaster Drill April 25-27. Information will be forwarded to all CARTs shortly.
 - Centre County CART announced that they will be hosting a “training Day” on April 5, 2008. Volunteers will be able to take all required ICS courses and Hazmat that day. More information will be made available shortly.
- III. Agenda Items -Joel Hersh & Karen Critchfield
- Animal Emergency Response Positions-Clarification was provided that these federal requirements are for efforts by individuals if deployed outside of the state through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). To the extent possible we will attempt to use the titles if they fit what we are doing within PA. This is a resource typing effort by DHS/FEMA.
 - Grant update-The new grant should be providing funds to PASART by mid-April. It will allow us to equip and train volunteers to better respond to events. The grants were explained along with the criteria for expenditures. Once the grant is fully signed, we will share with all the action plan submitted for funding and provide further direction to CARTs.
 - Large Animal Rescue Training. The sites for 2008 will be Lehigh Valley, Clearfield County, and Butler County. More information to follow on date and specific site.
 - Current Grant-additional purchasing. Information was provided on the balance of the current grant and that we will have the shelter forms printed and also purchase one or two more trailers.
- IV. Questions raised on the call
- Could PASART develop a formal document other than the brochure to provide pet owners when they retrieve their animal from a temporary shelter? Response Karen and I will look at creating a document and send it out for review.
- V. Additional Item
- Discussion occurred on the new Red Cross Pet First Aid Courses by several instructors for the benefit of those on the call and to acquire information from each other.