



Wildfires. Floods. Tornadoes. Earthquakes. Livestock trailer accidents.
Payne County, like all of Oklahoma, is at risk to experience any of these scenarios.



In 2006, the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards (PETS) Act was passed at the federal level, requiring communities to have a plan for the evacuation of people with their animals during emergencies.

Payne County Animal Response Team (PCART), is a non-profit, specialized team of animal professionals and Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corp (OKMRC) credentialed volunteers that respond to animal disasters and emergencies in Payne and surrounding counties in Oklahoma. PCART is deployed at the request of the Payne County Office of Emergency Management (PCOEM) to integrate with other emergency responders to protect the lives of animals, their owners, and the emergency responders tasked with protecting lives and property.

The Oklahoma Large Animal First Responders (OLAFR) was created after the 2013 Moore, OK Tornado to link private citizens with Federal, State, and local agencies to form a comprehensive team capable of providing urgent care, triage, evacuation and other support for large animal victims and their owners after natural or man-made disasters.

Oklahoma State University's Fire Service Training (OSU-FST) is an outreach component of OSU, providing training and educational services to enable Oklahoma emergency responders to safely meet recognized standards of professional competence.

The TAMU-VET team has donated their time to create an animal response exercise specific for Payne County. Animal response volunteers, veterinary and animal shelter professionals, fire fighters and other emergency responders, and veterinary students studying disaster management will join TAMU-VET at the OSU-FST West Training Grounds and Lake Carl Blackwell in October for this unique training exercise.

We are seeking donations from the community to help support this effort, which is partially funded by a grant to OLAFR and by PCART operating funds. We hope to provide meals and campsites for participants, cabin facilities for the TAMU-VET team, and supplies and equipment to replace those loaned by the TAMU-VET team during the exercise. Please see the attached flyer to find out how you can help.

We thank you in advance for your support. Your donation is greatly appreciated and will be used to ensure that our team members and other emergency responders are trained to help Payne County residents care for their animals when they need it most.

For more information about the PCART, please explore our website at www.paynecart.org and follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PayneOKCART/>. For more information on the other organizations involved in this exercise, use the links below.

OLAFR:	https://www.facebook.com/OklahomaLargeAnimalFirstResponders/
OSU-FST:	https://www.osufst.org/
OSU-CVHS:	http://cvhs.okstate.edu/
TAMU-VET:	http://vetmed.tamu.edu/vet

To donate or offer other support for this event, please contact PCART Volunteer Susan Grammer at susan.grammer@okstate.edu, or visit our website at www.paynecart.org.

With warm regards,

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