Volunteering with Payne County Animal Response Team

RULE Number ONE!!

NEVER SELF-DEPLOY TO AN EMERGENCY INCIDENT!!

PAYNECART AND THE OKLAHOMA MEDICAL RESERVE CORP WORK WITHIN THE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (ICS) AND DEPLOY ONLY WHEN REQUESTED BY EMERGENCY RESPONDERS.

I. Required for Active PCART Membership

- **Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corp Credentialing**
    - o www.okmrc.org
    - o Register. Remember your ID and Password!
    - o Click on "Volunteering" Link
    - o Complete application – **be sure to mark Small Animal and/or Large Animal in "Skills"**
    - o Complete Required online courses at https://www.okmrc.org/volunteers/mrccurriculum.cfm
    - o Do NOT forget to take the quizzes! It will not register in the system!
    - o Once "orientation" is completed and application submitted they will perform a background check. You will fill out a form for this. This is a very Basic check for most volunteers, but more extensive for those with vet med licenses.
    - o If you do not hear from OKMRC in a couple of weeks, contact the PCART Volunteer Coord. who can look up your status (susan.grammer@okstate.edu)
    - o Once you are in the system you will be issued a T-shirt and have a picture taken for an MRC badge at the Payne County Health Department or when an MRC representative is at a PCART meeting. We try to do this periodically.

- **Payne CART Volunteer form**
    - o Fill out 2019 Volunteer Profile Form https://www.paynecart.org/2018-volunteer-profile.html
    - o Additional information: https://www.paynecart.org/becoming-a-volunteer-or-a-resource.html
    - o If you have copies of MRC or FEMA certificates already please send them to susan.grammer@okstate.edu. We are required to have your training records on file and to submit a list of credentialed volunteers to Payne County.
    - o If you are awaiting MRC credentials you will check that box on the form.
    - o Once you see the confirmation on the screen, your email address will be added to the PCART mailing list.
    - o Please follow us on Face Book as well. Meetings are sometimes announced there before emails are sent, and we sometimes share links to outside training.
    - o Soon we will release a volunteer handbook with significant guidelines for you. One of the most important is that you should NEVER accept responsibility for a task you are not comfortable with. Please tell your supervisor immediately if you do not want to accept a specific assignment!
    - o Please explore our website to learn what you should have in your "go bag" to respond with the team.
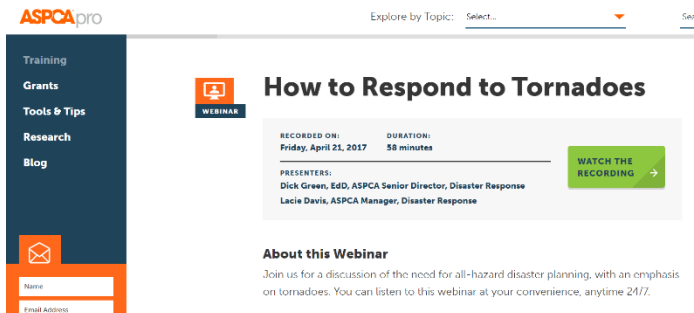
II.   Additional Training Resources

o   Additional training is suggested and is extremely helpful in keeping you safe in the field and increasing your capacity to help in an emergency.
o   Numerous organizations offer free self-study courses and online training courses on various aspects of Animal Response.
o   Others offer Webinars where you can learn a tremendous amount that will help you to help PCART and also your family.
o   Several FEMA courses are especially suggested (see below).
      ▪   NOTE: When you complete these courses/webinars you should upload certificates or proof of study/participation to your OKMRC training records.
      ▪   This way MRC and PCART Volunteer Managers can determine the qualifications of responders when assigning roles and tasks.
      ▪   We MUST not assign tasks to those who are not prepared to carry them out.

❖ **FEMA Independent Study (IS) Courses:**
   •   https://training.fema.gov/is/
   ▪   Apply for FEMA SID
   ▪   Upload all IS course completion certificates to your OKMRC training profile.

Course Code	Course Title
IS-10.a	Animals in Disasters: Awareness and Preparedness
IS-11.a	Animals in Disasters: Community Planning
IS-111.a	Livestock in Disasters

❖ **ASPCApro Training:**
   •   https://www.aspcapro.org/training
   •   **ASPCA Webinars:** We expect to present some of these webinars at meetings this year and take the time to discuss how they apply to our team. https://www.aspcapro.org/disaster-response-webinar-series
   •   Example: https://www.aspcapro.org/webinar/20170421/respond-tornadoes