

## **Unique Animal ID Numbering System**

*(adapted from PCART and OLAFR SOGs 2/20/18 for TAMU-VET March 2018 Exercise)*

The CART Coordinator will assign shelter locations abbreviations and range of numbers for use at each site in the case of multiple shelter sites.

- *Abbreviations will be listed on Boards at Intake at Shelter entrance(s)*
- Range of numbers will begin with 1000 and be assigned in increments of a thousand (1000 for site one, 2000 for site two, 3000 for site three, etc.)
- Once an animal has gone through intake, its assigned number will NOT be dropped if it moves shelter locations, but it may be added to, indicating a move to a new shelter site.

### **Numbering Pattern for Individual Animals:**

#### **Shelter Location Abbreviation**

(list on board at Intake and outside each shelter location)

- FG for Fairgrounds etc.
- \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_

#### **Species Identification**

- **C** for Cat
- **D** for Dog
- **EX** for Exotic
- \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_

#### **Large Animal/Farm Animal Species Identification:**

- **EQ** for Equine
- \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_

#### **Processed Animal Number (1001, 1002, 1003, etc)**

***For example:***

FG - D - 1001 (fairgrounds shelter, dog, first animal processed)

FG - C - 1002 (fairgrounds shelter, cat, second animal processed)

**Multiple Animals Together:**

If multiple animals are found together (a household's animals), the Processed Animal Number remains the SAME for all animals in the household and the letter designation A, B, C, etc. is added to the end of the Proceeded Animal Number to indicate the animals belong together.

For example: FG - C - 1001 A, FG - D - 1001 B, FG - D -1001 C

Would indicate a cat and two dogs found together belonging to the same household. (Intake done at the FG.)

**Animal with Offspring:**

If an animal is found with offspring,

- the Processed Animal Number remains the SAME for the mother and offspring
- a letter/number designation is added to the end of the Processed Animal Number to indicate familial relationship. (**k** = kitten, **p** = puppy)

For example: FG - C - 1001, FG - C - 1001 k1, FG - C - 1001 k

(Would indicate a cat with two kittens. (Intake done at FG.)