

## about the training...

This training is an intensive 24-hour course designed to familiarize participants with situations & background information necessary to become an effective responder to assist in the animal relief effort in a disaster. The class includes two and a half-day of mixed classroom/hands-on instruction and tabletop exercises. After completion of the DART, graduates will have a basic understanding of disaster response for animals, including rescue, transport, and sheltering; safety, law, communications, media relations, and damage assessment; small and large animal handling and first aid; and the HSUS disaster response system. You will also learn about developing local disaster response teams in your area and be prepared for additional training activities with The HSUS Disaster Services Program.

Registration: 8:00 – 9:00 am Wednesday (Sept. 13, 2006); Class: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Wednesday and Thursday (Sept 13 and 14) and from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Friday (Sept 15).

## location...

Why have disaster training in Virginia Beach? Well, beside being right in the path of mid-Atlantic hurricanes in what promises to be a busy season, Virginia Beach is centrally located on the East Coast and a great place (after the training) for playing on the beach, walking the boardwalk, visiting wildlife refuges, and camping.

All classes will be held in the Virginia Beach SPCA, at 3040 Holland Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23453-2610.

## accommodations...

VA Beach SPCA is about 15 miles from Norfolk (VA) International Airport (ORF). There are many inexpensive hotels in the area. Contact VB SPCA for more information.

## what you must bring...

Bring comfortable clothing for class and outer wear appropriate to the weather, as the training will be held regardless of weather. Those with animal allergies should be aware that there may be animals present.

## registration...

The registration fee of \$40 includes all three course days, materials, and snacks. Class size is limited to 45 students. A minimum of 35 registrants is required to conduct the course.

Please register as soon as possible, as space is limited. If a registered student withdraws before September 1, 2006, or if the course is cancelled by The HSUS, all tuition paid will be returned. If a student withdraws between September 1 and 8, half refund; after September 8, no refunds.

Registration for the class is not assured until you receive a confirmation email from The HSUS.

The HSUS reserves the right to cancel any training. In this case, tuition will be refunded, but The HSUS is not responsible for lost travel costs.

## certification ...

Certificates of completion will be sent to those attending all sessions. Completion of this training does not constitute or imply membership on any HSUS Disaster Animal Response Team.

## for more information...

... **about directions or accommodations**, call 757-427-6387 or email [adminasst@vbस्पca.com](mailto:adminasst@vbस्पca.com).

... **about training registration**, contact The HSUS Disaster Services department at 301-258-3063 or [disaster@hsus.org](mailto:disaster@hsus.org).

## primary instructors...

**Randy Covey** has been Director of Disaster Services for The Humane Society of the United States since February 2006. He has been in animal welfare for 20 years and has been an HSUS National DART responder for a variety of disasters. Randy's experience includes law enforcement, animal welfare operations, animal hoarding, animal abuse and neglect investigations, and animal rescue/emergency management operations. While at the Oregon Humane Society, he led the creation of the Oregon Humane Society Technical Animal Rescue team.

**Melissa Forberg** is an experienced field team leader for the HSUS National Disaster Animal Response Team and an HSUS consultant on disaster training and response. She is an EMT Firefighter, a technical rescuer, and an expert in handling and sheltering animals—large and small, wild, exotic, and domestic—in a variety of emergencies. She has been involved in every HSUS disaster response and most HSUS training for many years.

**Debra Parsons-Drake** is the Director of Disaster Sheltering in the Disaster Services department of The Humane Society of the United States. Deb has served in animal welfare capacities spanning the spectrum from volunteer to shelter manager to executive director. Her roles have included marketing and public relations, income development, strategic planning, program development, special events, and database development. Deb served on the front lines of disaster relief during Storm Season 2004, in Florida, and served as the HSUS Shelter Manager in Hattiesburg, Mississippi in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

**Jeff Eyre** is the Director of Disaster Field Response for The HSUS. Jeff's experience covers law enforcement, the fire service, and animal cruelty investigation. Prior to joining HSUS, Jeff created and taught an animal cruelty curriculum throughout New York State. He was deployed as an HSUS NDART volunteer to several hurricanes and other disasters.

**HSUS DART Registration Form**  
**VA Beach, September 13-15, 2006**

Name

Job Title

Organization

Address

City

State & Zip Code

Work Phone

Home Phone

Email address

AMOUNT: **\$40** Check Method of Payment:  
 Check or MO (enclose)  Credit Card (complete below)  
Payable to "HSUS Disaster"

Circle:  
VISA / MASTERCARD/AMERICAN EXPRESS/DISCOVER

Credit Card Number:

Name on Card:

Expiration Date:

Authorized Signature

Billing Address for Card (if different from above)

Complete this form, include your payment of **\$40 per person**, and mail to HSUS Disaster Services, Training Registration, 700 Professional Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.

If you are paying by credit card, you may use the form above, type your complete information including credit card information, and email to [disaster@hsus.org](mailto:disaster@hsus.org) or fax to 301-258-3107.

Please make checks or money orders to "HSUS Disaster Services." Receipts will be mailed. Purchase orders must be pre-approved.

Participant reservation on full payment only.

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Disaster Services  
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