

### **...Why Disaster Training in the Pacific Northwest?...**

With Mount St. Helens smoldering, the Cascade fault line shaking, rivers rising and the risk of forest and wild fires, we all need to be prepared to respond to a disaster. This training is essential for anyone who is concerned about animals in any kind of disaster. Whether you work at a shelter, fire department, police station, or are interested in assisting animals in disasters, this training will cover all issues vital to effective sheltering of animals in emergencies.

### **...about the training...**

Emergency Animal Sheltering is intended to prepare volunteers to serve at emergency shelters for pets and animals evacuated or displaced from their homes because of a disaster. The course covers the different types of emergency animal shelters and the procedures, policies, skills, and personnel needed for each. The skills learned are useful in dealing with any large-scale animal disaster or sheltering situation.

The class includes one day of classroom instruction and demonstrations, a tabletop exercise, and a long half-day hands-on emergency sheltering scenario. Topics include introduction to disasters & emergency management, community planning, types of emergency shelters for animals, meeting the needs of the animals, logistics, human resources, worker health & safety, administrative issues including use of forms, legal issues, media/public relations, and closing the shelter.

### **...location...**

Class runs on Saturday, September 30 from 9:00am -5:00pm (registration at 8:00am) and Sunday, October 1, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The training will be held at the Spokane County Fair & Exposition Center, 404 N. Havana Street, Spokane Valley, WA 99202

### **...accommodations...**

Quality Inn Valley Suites, East 8923 Mission Ave, Spokane, WA. Exit #287 from I-90 (Argonne Road). For reservations call: 509-928-5218. Refer to Group #2970 for the special rate of \$72 single or double occupancy (2-queen beds) Reservations must be made by Aug. 30, 2006 to obtain this rate.

### **...what to bring...**

Bring clothing comfortable for sitting in class for the first day and clothing appropriate to the weather for the second day, as the simulation will be held regardless of weather (travel permitting). Those with animal allergies should be aware that there will be a variety of animals at the simulation. Maps and basic personal equipment lists will be sent to registrants.

### **...registration...**

The registration fee of \$ 35 includes two course days, materials, and refreshments. Class size is limited to 75 and a minimum of 35 registrants will be required to conduct the course. Registration must be received by September 8, 2006. If student withdraws before that date or if the course is cancelled by The HSUS, all tuition paid will be returned. If a student withdraws between

September 8 and 23, half refund; after Sept 23, no refunds.

### **...certification ...**

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

### **...for more information...**

Contact Humane Society of the United States, Pacific Northwest Field Office at (206)328-8100 or [igibson@hsus.org](mailto:igibson@hsus.org) or The HSUS Disaster Services Department at (301)258-3063 or [disaster@hsus.org](mailto:disaster@hsus.org).

### **...primary instructors...**

**Debra Parsons-Drake, Director of Sheltering, Disaster Services Division, The HSUS**, has served in animal welfare capacities spanning the spectrum from volunteer coordinator, shelter manager to executive director. Deb served on the front lines of disaster relief during Storm Seasons in Florida and served as the Shelter Manager in Hattiesburg, Mississippi in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

**Melissa Forberg**, HSUS Disaster Response Consultant, is an experienced field team leader for the HSUS National Disaster Animal Response Team and an HSUS consultant on disaster training and response. Melissa's areas of expertise are equine and large-animal preparedness, rescue and response.

**Additional instructors to be announced!**

**HSUS EMERGENCY ANIMAL  
SHELTERING TRAINING (EAS)  
Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
AMOUNT: \$ 35.00 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 \$ **35 per person**, and fax (credit card only) to 301-258-3107 or mail to HSUS Disaster Services, 700 Professional Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. Please make checks or money orders to "HSUS Disaster Services." Electronic receipts will be emailed. Canceled checks will serve as proof of payments received by check. Other acknowledgement of receipt available upon request. Purchase orders must be pre-approved. Participant reservation on full payment only.

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