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You are:

- An animal lover
- A volunteer with the Fluvanna County Animal Response Team
- Someone who wants to learn more about keeping your pets safe during a disaster

Good News! The Fluvanna County Animal Response Team, in conjunction with The Humane Society of the United States, is sponsoring two trainings in the upcoming months.

**Disaster Animal Response Training (DART): a three-day course (22+ hours of training) covers key topics: introduction to animals in disaster and preparedness; Incident Command System; legal issues, communications; and teamwork. Other major topics covered include: community animal needs/damage assessment; team response and procedures; animal care and handling; emergency animal shelters; equipment; and responder health and safety; including stress management. Table top exercises will give participants the chance to use and combine the skills learned during the training, including implementing ICS; communications; equipment; damage assessment; establishing an incident command post, setting up an Emergency Animal Shelter; responding to rescue requests, dealing with the media, and taking care of the team.**

**Cost: \$125.00 for DART (Early Bird Rate \$115); DATES: March 5, 6, 7, 2010**

**Emergency Animal Sheltering (EAS): A Two-day course explores the methods for sheltering animals affected by disaster. The course includes key topics such as selecting a location and setting up an emergency animal shelter; implementation of the ICS; the needs of various animals; logistics; health and safety of the disaster responders and the animals in their care; and teamwork. The class includes table-top exercises so the participants can practice what they have learned throughout the class.**

**Cost: \$85 for EAS (Early Bird Rate \$75); DATES: July 10 & 11, 2010**

A light breakfast and snacks throughout the day will be provided. Lunch is on your own.

Registration is done through the HSUS website:

<http://www.humanesocietyu.org>

On the left side of the page, double click “on-site workshops”, scroll down.

We hope that you will participate in this exciting event. As a rural county, we are ecstatic that Fluvanna County has been selected as a training site. This is a wonderful opportunity to personally prepare for your own animal companions in case of a disaster, and learn

valuable skills to help other animals at one of our county shelters, should you so chose to serve in that capacity.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Jacqueline A. Meyers  
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