

# WHO AND WHAT IS CANADIAN DISASTER ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM?

- THE CANADIAN DISASTER ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM - CDART IS A GROUP OF SPECIALLY TRAINED VOLUNTEERS WHO SAW THE NEED FOR A CANADIAN ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM AFTER FIRESTORM 2003 (BC).
- OFFERS CANADIAN-SPECIFIC DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING TO VOLUNTEERS.
- FAST FORWARD TO 2017 AND THE FOUNDING MEMBERS LYNNE DAVIS AND RON MCCONNELL HAVE MADE A NEW HOME IN PEI AND ARE LOOKING TO PROVIDE THEIR EXPERTISE AND SKILLS TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT.

# WHY INCLUDE ANIMALS IN DISASTER RESPONSE



- EXAMPLES:
- HURRICANE KATRINA
- HURRICANE HARVEY
- BC WILDFIRES 2017
- ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN WILDFIRES 2017
- AND MORE

# HURRICANE KATRINA

- ON AUGUST 29, 2005, HURRICANE KATRINA TURNED THE GULF COAST REGION INTO A SEA OF LOSS AND DESPAIR.
- ANIMALS DESPERATELY SEARCHED AND PLEADED FOR HELP AS THEY WERE LEFT BEHIND WITH NO CHOICE BUT TO ENDURE A HURRICANE, FLOODS AND A FIGHT TO SURVIVE THE STREETS ON THEIR OWN.
- PEOPLE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING THEIR ANIMALS.

# KATRINA AND HARVEY'S ANIMALS LEFT



# HURRICANE HARVEY

- ANIMALS WERE LEFT TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES IN THE STORM.
- DOGS AND HORSES WERE LEFT TIED TO POLES AND TREES.
- GOOD SAMARITANS TRIED TO HELP BUT IT WAS CHAOS.

# BC ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN WILDFIRES 2017

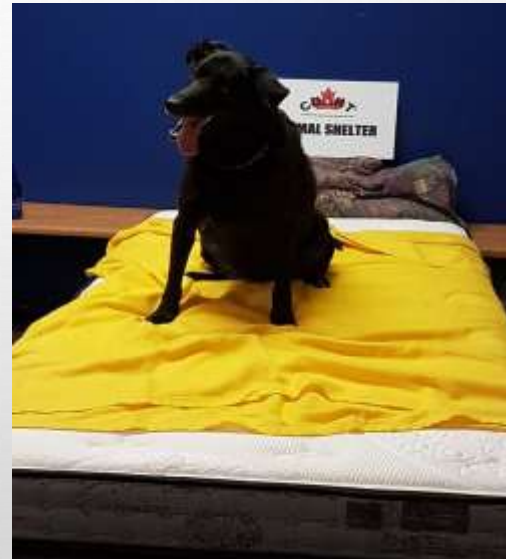
- HUNDREDS OF CATTLE AND WILDLIFE BURNED AS THE FIRES RAGED THROUGH BC, ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN.
- THE FIRES RAGING ALL SUMMER IN BC KEPT PEOPLE SCRAMBLING TO GET PETS AND LIVESTOCK TO SAFETY.

# FIRES OF 2017

## PRINCE GEORGE SHELTER




## GETTING PETS TO SAFETY IN CRANBROOK BC






# ANIMALS NEED TO BE INCLUDED IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- PEOPLE WON'T LEAVE WITHOUT THEIR PETS
  - FARMER'S LOSE THEIR LIVELIHOOD
  - KENNELS
  - ZOOS
  - WILDLIFE
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# WHY ANIMALS NEED TO BE PART OF INITIAL RESPONSE IN DISASTERS

- WE SAW THIS IN FORT MCMURRAY
  - THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUDING ANIMALS IN THE RESPONSE IMMEDIATELY
  - AND THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD RECORD KEEPING
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# CDART CAME TO FORT MCMURRAY

- WE WERE BROUGHT IN TO HELP WITH ANIMAL MORTALITY
- THEY WANTED US TO CHECK THE HOUSES BEFORE THE PEOPLE WERE ALLOWED BACK IN
- THIS IS WHAT WE FOUND



## SOME ANIMALS WERE STILL ALIVE

- WE EVEN FOUND A 17 YEAR OLD CAT STILL ALIVE
- THERE WERE A LOT LESS FISH

# CHALLENGES THAT OCCUR

- COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS MANAGERS AND RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS
- ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS - OFTEN WORK 12 TO 17 HOUR DAYS
- FUNDING – NEED MONEY FOR OPERATIONS, TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT
- PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EMERGENCY PREPARATION
- MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF OUR TRAINING AND CAPABILITY
- GOVERNMENT BUY IN
- LARGE SCALE DISASTERS- COORDINATION, NUMBERS OF PEOPLE, ANIMALS, FACILITIES



# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

- ARE YOU READY? IF A FIRE WAS HEADING TO YOUR HOUSE, ARE YOU READY TO EVACUATE WITH YOUR ANIMALS?
  - DO YOU HAVE ANIMAL EMERGENCY KITS READY IN AN EASY TO FIND LOCATION?
  - HIGH PRIORITY FOR ANIMALS - PLEASE ID YOUR ANIMALS AND MICROCHIP WHEN POSSIBLE
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# SOLUTIONS?

- ENOUGH PEOPLE, FUNDRAISING, RECOGNITION
- INCLUDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS PART OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE
- FUNDING FROM GOVERNMENT?
- PRIVATE SPONSORS?
- LOBBY YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

# THE SEVERITY OF DISASTERS IN INCREASING

- NELSON BC 2016





# THEY ARE FAMILY TOO

- YOU CAN HELP THEM!