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Basic Animal Rescue Training's Newsletter

Our mission is to empower first responder personnel with the training, knowledge and equipment necessary to safely and effectively handle domestic animals they encounter in emergency situations, in order to help preserve human health, safety and well being. For more information, please visit the BART website at <http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org>.

Upcoming Events

November 16-17, 2010

Informational Booth at the Minnesota Symposium on Terrorism and Emergency Preparedness.

November 17, 2010

Presentation at the Minnesota Symposium on Terrorism and Emergency Preparedness (10:30 a.m.)

January 21-23, 2011

Informational Booth - Duluth, MN (11:30 a.m.)

Go to <http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org/events/> for current events.

January 22, 2011

Small Animal Training - Duluth, MN (8:00 a.m.)

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A lot has happened over this past year. BART was able to provide training to seven fire departments and a mounted posse with grant money received from Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). BART moved into an office within the New Brighton Fire Department which allows volunteers and interns a space in which to conduct business. BART was represented at the Minnesota State Fair and reached thousands of Minnesotans about the work we do making many wonderful contacts.

Other exciting news includes working with other states to expand the basic animal rescue training curriculum to their locations. Our goal of bringing BART across the United States is starting to materialize as we gain more national recognition. Since BART was founded we have now trained over 4000 firefighters in Minnesota. We are proud of this achievement and we will continue to use the generous donations to make our goal of training ALL first responders across the country a reality.

I would like to extend my personal gratitude to New Brighton firefighter Tony Paetznick for his service on BART's board of directors over the past four years. His insights provided BART the opportunity to grow and network with many organizations that now support BART's mission.

Look for the December/January issue of *Ladies Home Journal*. An article about BART will be included in this widely-read national magazine and will hit the newsstands in November.

Janet Olson, President



BART at the Minnesota State Fair

Animal concerns that surface in a disaster are a public health issue. Saving human lives is the most critical element to any emergency plan. Considering animals as part of the emergency planning increases those human lives saved during a disaster. Basic Animal Rescue Training, Minnesota Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps, and the American Veterinary Medical Association's Veterinary Medical Assistance Team partnered to raise awareness of how to prepare to address the needs of animals in the event of a disaster.

Disasters are unpredictable. No one ever knows when a fire will engulf a home, when a tornado will blow through town, or when a river will break its levee. Preparation is a key element to the safety of not only human life, but that of animals who are family pets or the economic livelihood for families. Individuals who stopped by the exhibit learned how to prepare for an emergency that includes animals as part of the safety planning. Preparing for possible disasters, assembling an evacuation kit,

transporting a frightened animal, knowing how to care for an animal in a makeshift shelter, and providing animal first aid and resuscitation to scared animals are all vital elements in successful outcomes from a disaster.

Thousands of fair goers passed through the two tents that showcased the equipment and supplies to show people what is needed to care for animals in the time of disaster. Emergency trailers used in deployments at disaster sites were set

up as well as a mock veterinary clinic within the one of the tents.

Minnesota is a leader in disaster preparedness and is a national model in providing a coordinated effort amongst agencies to help preserve life, both human and animal. A special thank you to all of the BART volunteers who help spread the word about the work of the organization.

BART TALES

Thank You Volunteers

On Saturday, September 11th, BART volunteers were entertained at the annual recognition dinner by Larry Litman, author of the book "Zoey's Story...as told by Zoey." He shared his story about life with his beloved black lab Zoey who was found abandoned on a rural road. She made her way into Larry's life before the dog could be adopted by someone else from the local animal shelter. Larry had long been allergic to dogs and he was reluctant at first to take Zoey in, but after his wife brought her home, a bond started to grow in the Litman home. Zoey became a trained therapy dog and made her way into the hearts of many, many people over her 10 years. A few of Zoey's adventures were read from the book and as Larry closed the evening he stated "Zoey can never be replaced, but she's looking down on us all." Larry brought copies of his book to sell to members with a percentage of the sales donated to BART.

As any BART volunteer will share, they promote the human-animal bond through



the work of the organization. BART simply would not exist without the tireless hours of time that its volunteers share in trainings, presentations, and day-to-day operational activities.

The following volunteers are recognized for their time and commitment to BART during this past year through the donation of their time delivering trainings, planning & staff events, and helping in communications efforts.

Thank You Volunteers

Kim	Barrett
Cassie	Panning
Jodi	Carlson
Janet	Olson
Ann	Burt
Josh	Schefers
Jerry	Vanek
Amy	Gallagher
Christa	Lloyd
Amy	Coleman
Maureen	Parks
Melanie	Pearson
Connie	Barton
Megan	Clasp Gratzeh
Maggie	Dashke
Virgina	Rud
Maria	Gomez
Michelle	Reckard
Louise	Beye
Chandra	Cristofono
Jessica	Dahlheimer
Stephanie	Lamm
Karen	Marcus
Robyn	Corcoran
Jan	Williams

Thank You Donors

BART would not exist without donations of funds and in-kind gifts. The following individuals and groups are recognized for the period January 1 thru September 1, 2010:

Donations to Support Organization

\$500-999

Minneapolis Kennel Club
MWI Veterinary Supply

\$100-499

DeLonias Foundation
Randy & Jane Stambaugh Family
Angel Animal Network
Anonymous @ Animal Emergency Clinic Open House
Miscellaneous individuals who stopped at the MN State Fair tent
Joan & Larry Christensen
Oakdale Animal Emergency Clinic
Jana Stambaugh

Up to \$100

Gary Goemman Family
Andrew & Joan Ulrich (on behalf of Rivertown Animal Hospital)
Anonymous @ St. Louis Park FD Open House
Anonymous @ Golden Valley FD

In Kind

Invisible Fence has generously donated oxygen masks for BART medical rescue bags.



http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org/slideshows/Training/Invisible_Fence/Invisible_Fence.html

Bloomington Embroidery donated time to embroider and print screen BART's shirts, bags, and other logo apparel. For a complete list of all BART donors, go to <http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org/donations/>

Donations to Support Training

City of Monticello Fire Department - \$500
City of Albertville Fire Department - \$1000
City of Roseau - \$3500
Arrowhead Conference - BART Medical Bag - \$750

Check out photos of our training sessions on the slideshows

http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org/slideshows/Training/BART_Arrowhead_Conference/Arrowhead_Convention.html

City of Minneapolis - BART Medical Bag - \$700

Homeland Security Grant totaling \$25,000 paid for training for the following fire departments:

- ✓ Rosemount
- ✓ Burnsville
- ✓ South Metro
- ✓ Excelsior
- ✓ White Bear Lake
- ✓ Eden Prairie

Minnesota Veterinary Medical Foundation Grant of \$2,000 was used as matching funds to train the following fire departments:

- ✓ Assisted Eden Prairie
- ✓ Assisted Grand Lake

Departments Trained in 2010

Over 67 fire and emergency responder departments across the state of Minnesota have been trained to date in basic animal rescue training since BART began offering training in 2005. Approximately 4000 members have been trained and we extend a big welcome to our well-trained staff from the following departments:

Grand Lake Fire Department

Roseau County Sheriff's Mounted Posse - <http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org/slideshows/Training/Roseau/Roseau.html>

Excelsior Fire Department - http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org/slideshows/Training/BART_ExcelsiorFD/ExcelsiorFD1.html

South Metro Fire Department - http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org/slideshows/Training/South_MetroSouthMetro.html

Burnsville Fire Department - http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org/slideshows/Training/Burnsville_MN/Burnsville_MN.html

Eden Prairie Fire Department - http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org/slideshows/Training/Eden_Prairie/Eden_Prairie.html

Rosemount Fire Department - <http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org/slideshows/Training/Rosemount/Rosemount.html>

White Bear Lake Fire Department http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org/slideshows/Training/White_Bear_Lake/White_Bear_Lake.html

More than 20 additional departments have expressed interest in receiving BART training here in Minnesota. With continued funding we hope to train all these departments in 2011. We thank all of our generous donors who have supported BART through gifts, grants, and in-kind donations who help continue to make this training available for our first responders.

The South Metro Fire Department, who we trained this year, mentioned above, had incident to use their BART training on October 13, 2010. Photos below are from Peter Matthews, a reporter for Firehouse.com. <http://www.firehouse.com/showcase/photostory/minnesota-firefighters-battle-2-unrelated-fires> They show firemen rescuing a couple cats. The South Metro FD was also assisted by Paramedics from HealthEast Ambulance Service, who provided the cats with oxygen as shown in the middle photo below. <http://www.healtheast.org/transportation/ambulance.html>



Large Animal Curriculum

The Large Animal Recapture and Restraint curriculum that was submitted to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in December of 2009 for evaluation as a DHS approved state-sponsored course has made it partially through the approval process. It is currently under review by third party subject matter experts.

Below is information to refer to for the Large Animal Curriculum

<http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org/courses-offered/>

http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org/slideshows/Training/Large_Animal_Training/Large_Animal_Shoot.html

Basic Animal Rescue Training

Public Pledge Form

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Phone (home)		
Phone (work)		
Phone (mobile)		
Email Address		

I (We) pledge \$ _____ to be paid:

- Annually
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 Once

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CVV Security Code	
Expiration Date	
Authorized Signature	

Acknowledgment Information

- I (We) give permission to the BART organization to acknowledge this gift publicly via its website or in other marketing materials.
 Please use this/these name(s) for all acknowledgments: _____
 I (We) wish to have our gift remain anonymous.

Signature	Date
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BART is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible to the full extent of the law. A receipt will be sent to the address you provided above. Receipts provided via email upon request.

Please make checks payable to BART and mail with this form to:

BART
PO Box 130967
St. Paul, MN 55113-0009

Credit Card or PayPal donations may also be made online at <http://basicanimalrescuetraining.org>.