



BART Newsletter

Helping the Veterinary Community serve Emergency Response Teams for the safety of the Public, First Responders, and animals

Events This Month!

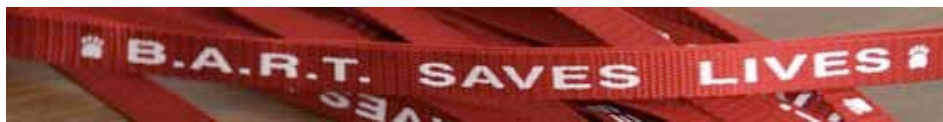
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Train The Trainer

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We're training Farmington on Large and Small Animal Rescue
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Grand Rounds at UMN

Dr. Olson will present BART during Grand Rounds at the U. This is a terrific recruitment opportunity for BART! Come out to support her and wear your BART gear!
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Bark Avenue on Parade

We're presenting an informational meeting to BAF: an animal assisted therapy group
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West Metro Fire: 2 Sessions

We've got two sessions for West Metro Fire! We'll definitely need plenty of hands-on-deck, so come on by if you're able to help out (and bring a pet)!
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Maplewood Fire: 2 Sessions

Maplewood's also a big department! We've got two sessions scheduled for them as well! We'll need lots of help!
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What's New?

Things are always changing around here at BART! There are always new things to learn, and something fresh going on!

American Kennel Club Awards BART \$5000 Companion Animal Recovery Grant!

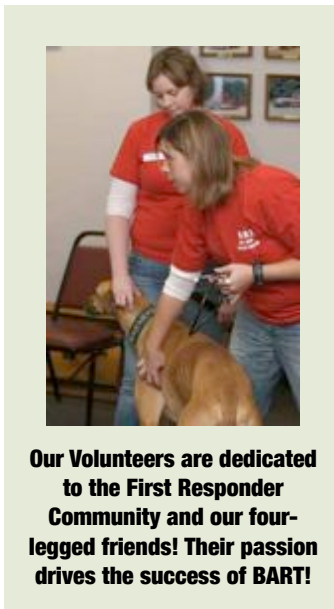
BART Delivers TEN presentations in EIGHT weeks!

-- **Sept 5: Heart of Minnesota Great Dane Club** - BART gave an informational talk during their monthly meeting. Thank you for your generous donation of \$300!

-- **Sept 8: Arrowhead Regional Firefighters' Meeting** - BART gave an informational presentation to an enthusiastic audience! Thank you for the kind \$100 donation!

-- **Sept 8: Wag-n-Wheel PetWalk** - We answered questions and fundraised at this community event, and even gave an on-stage demo!

-- **Sept 14-15: Citizen Corps Convention**- BART answered questions at a two-day booth, gave an informational presentation, including



Our Volunteers are dedicated to the First Responder Community and our four-legged friends! Their passion drives the success of BART!

a demo, and even scheduled CERT trainings!

-- **Sept 22: MNSCU EMS Educators' Conference** - We gave an informational presentation about our small and large animal classes.

-- **Oct 11-13: National Emergency Preparedness Conference** - We fielded a huge interest in California! We answered questions for three days and gave an informative presentation, demo included, to a large, enthusiastic audience! We also started laying the foundation for our California chapter!

-- **Oct 14: MAVT Vet Tech Day** - BART gave an informational presentation and recruited during the MN Association of Vet Techs' meeting

-- **Oct 15: MAVT Vet Techs Appreciation Dinner** - BART gave an informational presentation and recruited during the meal. The attendees got 2 CE credits for our talk - hews that for a good deal!

-- **Oct 18-19: MN State Fire Chiefs Convention** - BART had an informational booth for both days, and fielded tons of interest! Special Thanks to Steve Oberaigner of Bloomington Embroidery for donating a beautifully embroidered jacket to raffle - we raised \$290 and made a tremendous number of contacts!

-- **Oct 25: Regional Firefighters' Meeting** - BART was invited to give an informational presentation to the 35 firefighters attending St. Croix Valley Meeting. The Association was pleased and excited to hear about the program. Many scheduled trainings after the talk. That's not all: the members present voted unanimously to donate \$500 to BART! Thank you!



Events This Month!

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Train The Trainer November 3, 10 - 2:30.
University Minnesota College of Veterinary
Medicine, Pomeroy Center 215.

We'd like to train more volunteers how to be a small animal course speaker and training leader. These folks deliver a 30-minute PowerPoint presentation to groups of 20-40 people. The PowerPoint covers BART's background, introduces the small animal hands on training sessions, and covers the local, state and national emergency planning and response resources for animals. Speakers also lead the interactive quiz at the end.

We have a training program to teach you how to give this presentation and Veterinarians and CVTs receive 3 CE credits for becoming certified to teach this material. Come learn about BART's expansion plans, both within Minnesota and nationally, and help us achieve them by training in as a Speaker!

Farmington EMS Training November 5, 6PM.
Farmington Firehouse #1.

We'll be training Farmington's EMS in Large and Small Animal techniques, so the session will last three hours. All you folks who haven't seen the new Large Animal class, come on down!

Grand Rounds Presentation at UMN by Dr. Janet Olson November 8, 8-9AM. University Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Science Building 125.

Dr. Olson has been asked to present on BART during Grand Rounds at the U. This is a tremendous recruitment opportunity! Come on down to support her, and wear your BART gear!

Bark Avenue on Parade November 11, 6:45PM.
Contact mary.avriette@basicanimalrescuetraining.org for details. Bark Avenue on Parade is an animal-assisted therapy group who's asked us to give an informative talk at one of their meetings.

West Metro Fire Small Animal Training
November 14, 8:30-10:30AM and 6:30-8:30PM.
West Metro Fire Rescue District Station 3

We'll be doing two training sessions with West Metro; both will be small animal trainings. We, of course, will need plenty of volunteers to keep things running smoothly - that includes pets too! It's an excellent opportunity if you want to practice a new station, brush up a rusty one, or test for certification! RSVP to Cassie if you can come! cassie.panning@basicanimalrescuetraining.org



Maplewood Fire Small Animal Training November 27, 9-11AM and 7-9PM.
Station 2.

We'll be doing two training sessions with Maplewood; both will be small animal trainings. We, of course, will need plenty of volunteers to keep things running smoothly - that includes pets too! It's an excellent opportunity if you want to practice a new station, brush up a rusty one, or test for certification! RSVP to Cassie if you can come! cassie.panning@basicanimalrescuetraining.org

So What ARE Our Fundraising Goals?

I keep hearing that we raised so much here, and so much there, how much does it really cost to run BART?

We are very fortunate to have our enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers - BART wouldn't exist without you! However, it can be deceptively expensive to run a non-profit organization. There are many expenses which come from running classes - training equipment, liability insurance, and the costs of each conference booth, quarter-page ad, and flyers.

Every time we train a new department, we provide our equipment bags at cost, but the real costs of the training session is approximately two times the price of the equipment donated.

So, how much are we talking about? Our 2007 Fundraising Goal is \$164 thousand; we've been so fortunate to raise \$140 thousand of that so far - mostly through grant-writing and very generous benefactors. Our goal for next year is an ambitious \$316 thousand - we know we can do it with our volunteers' help! So, what are we going to do with all that fundraising?



Good Question! Our major goals next year are to continue our training while developing new courses, continue our process to become the standard training both here in Minnesota and across the nation, establish and equip two chapters in Minnesota, hire personnel, continue our national expansion efforts, and last, but by far not least: develop a public education campaign.

We're always looking for an extra set of eyes for editing grants, or a go-getter volunteer to help us with the "heavy lifting" of organizing our ever-expanding organization - drop us a line if you're interested!

National Emergency Preparedness Conference

BART was invited to give an informative presentation at this national conference in Sacramento, California last month.

BART has received letters of interest from 30 states, requesting BART training started in their region. That's quite some demand!

When BART was invited to make a presentation at the National Emergency Preparedness Conference, we saw it as an excellent opportunity to network in California, and get the groundwork set for a new chapter there. Dr. Olson, Dr. Burger, and Mary Avriette ran an informational booth for two days at the conference, and boy, were we busy!

Our presentation was well attended, garnered much attention, and was highly complimented afterward.



We are working with our California veterinary contacts to see if the Veterinary Medical Board and State Veterinary Medical Association supports the BART mission. If they support us, we will begin train the trainer classes for the new California chapter! Stay tuned - lots more to come!

Volunteer Spotlight: Robinette Dunahugh-Ralston



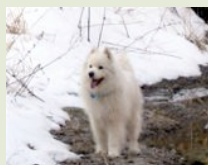
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A tree is only as strong as its roots; we are only as successful as our volunteers. Fortunately, that's really saying something!

Robinette is a certified trainer for BART and teaches pet CPR. Robinette became involved in the BART organization a couple years ago after going through a clinical skills class at the U of M. She thought it would be a good way to give something back to help out the community.

Robinette is in her 4th year of Vet School at the University of Minnesota and will graduate in May, 2008. Her interests are in small animals and reproduction. She works at Smith Veterinary Clinic part time as well as going through her internship at Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital, which is well

known for its reproductive department. She is excited to



Robinette has volunteered with BART despite having a spouse, two dogs (meet Travler, above) , and vet school on her plate!

move forward in her Veterinary career and plans on staying in the Twin Cities for a long time.

This will be Robinette's 2nd career. Previously, she was a Biochemist in Eden Prairie before her passion for helping animals drove her to 4

years of Vet school to learn about helping animals. Robinette is member of the Samoyed Association of Minneapolis/St. Paul, <http://www.samsmn.org/>, and used to be a trainer at the Bloomington Obedience Training Center.

Robinette and her husband are from Cedar Rapids, Iowa and have 2 Samoyeds, Travler and Allele. Besides working with Travler in her BART activities, she might try to involve Allele as a BART volunteer in the future. Allele is 4 years old and is a very excited dog at this stage of her life, but hopefully we will see Allele out there blazing her own BART trail in the future!

Robinette and her Sammies are

involved in herding, pack hiking, agility, and skijoring, but are interested in trying many new things like weight pulling for example.

Robinette lives in Farmington, and was last seen in action training CPR with Travler when BART trained Farmington EMS earlier this month.

Next time you see Robinette, wish her good luck on her Boards - we know she'll be just as dedicated a veterinarian as she's a BART volunteer!



For Next Issue: A Contest!

Want to win a wonderfully warm BART polarfleece blanket? Name our newsletter! Mail contest submissions to mary.avriette@basicanimalresucetraining.org by November 20th!

Current Suggestions:

- BART Barks
- BART Basics
- The Fire Wire
- The BART Dashboard
- BART Bugle
- BART (Sound) Bites



We couldn't do it without you. Thank you volunteers!