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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 www.BasicAnimalRescueTraining.org.

Upcoming Events

Issue 3

Medicine Lake Fire March 4, 7PM

We're training Medicine Lake Fire Department in BART Small Animal Basic Rescue and Life Support - Come join us!

[Click Here](#)

Hugo Fire March 11, 7PM

We're training Hugo Fire Department in BART Small Animal Basic Rescue and Life Support - Come join us!

[Click Here](#)



Governor's Homeland Security and Management Conference

March 12 - 13, 2008
BART will display an informational booth at the 43rd meeting of the state emergency response community. [Click Here](#)

Finland Fire April 3, 6PM

We'll be training Finland Fire Department in BART

Small Animal Basic Rescue and Life Support - come join us!
[Click Here](#)

Annual Appreciation Banquet and Awards Ceremony

April 20
Invitations coming by mail, more details to follow.

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Please make a donation to support these department training sessions! Please see page 6 for our pledge form.

St. Croix River Rescue

by Dave Burklund

St. Croix resident overjoyed for rescue of her dog by BART-trained EMS. St. Croix EMS proud of their second pet rescue!

What started as a quiet walk by the St. Croix River for an area resident and her two dogs took a dramatic turn on December 2nd 2007. One of her dogs, an adult lab mix, ran to an area of thin ice on the river and broke through. The woman tried for several minutes to rescue her pet until she herself fell through the ice.

After managing to pull herself from the frigid water she hurried home with her other dog and called 911.

St. Croix EMS and Rescue as well as the Hudson Fire Department responded to the call. The Hudson Fire Department performed the rescue of the stranded pet. Eric Christensen, Director of St. Croix EMS, was amazed to find the dog still conscious when he arrived. The dog, at that point, had been in near freezing water for approximately half an hour.

The dog was violently shivering and in shock, but alert and responsive. He was brought to the ambulance where he has warmed with blankets and chemical heat packs.

"Certainly, BART (Basic Animal Rescue and Training) helped, giving us confidence to know what to look for and what to do when

rescuing an animal," said Christensen.

"The most incredible part of the whole thing was bringing the dog back to his owner. I think that she thought that she had lost her dog, that she was calling for the recovery of a dead pet," Christensen said.

The dog was then taken to Oakdale Emergency Animal Hospital, where he was examined and treated for exposure, then quickly released to go home to his grateful owner.



Dr. Olson teaches CPR at St. Croix EMS

Dr. Ann Burt teaches Pet Assessment and First Aid at St. Croix EMS



What Has BART Been Up To?

BART is a rapidly growing organization, due to the dedication and passion of its volunteers, trainees, and donors. We move so fast it can be hard to keep up, but we want you all to be in the loop! Did you know we trained and equipped 500 first responders in the last two months?!? And that's not all.....

Jan 2008

Michelle Miller, BS, CVT featured in Veterinary Technician Magazine. Her volunteerism at BART was highlighted, as well as a description and hyperlink to our website. For more on Michelle, see **Volunteer Spotlight**



Jan 9th

National Expansion of BART is announced during the monthly teleconference of National Alliance of State Animal and Agriculture Emergency Programs (NASAAEP).

Jan 10, 17 and 24th

BART trains Eden Prairie Fire Department in Small Animal Basic Life Support



Jan 22nd

CVM News features Drs. Olson and Burger for their accomplishments leading BART as Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine Alumna

Jan 22, 23, 24th

Dr. Burger attends the annual meeting of NASAAEP in Orlando to promote the National Expansion of BART, and meet Animal Emergency Planners from other states

Jan 16th, 21st, Feb 1st

BART Board of Directors met and voted to expand the Board to 11 people: more details to follow!

Feb 2008

Banfield Charitable Trust and East Central Energy notify BART of successful grant application. Pfizer and VHA pledge their support at the MVMA Convention.

Feb 2nd

Falcon Heights Community Emergency Response Team trained for Small Animal Basic Life Support

Feb 4th

Brooklyn Center Fire Department trained for Small Animal Basic Life Support

Feb 7, 8, 9th

Minnesota Association of Veterinary Technicians, and Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association Annual Conventions, for more, see **In the News**

Feb 12th

Lake Johanna Fire Department trained for Small Animal Basic Life Support

Feb 12th

BART Volunteer Cora Black spoke at the Mystic Riders Snowmobile Club meeting in Ogilvie, MN to provide information on BART and request their support for the Ogilvie First Responders and Kanabec County Sheriff's Reserve BART training.

Feb 12th

BART volunteer Patty Burke spoke at the lunch meeting of the Hinckley Chamber of Commerce, to inform local businesses about BART and request their support for training in their area.

Feb 14th

Pine Ambulance Medical Service in Hinckley trained for both Small Animal Basic Life Support and Large Animal Rescue

Feb 19, 20, 21, 27th

BART delivered Four Cities Intra-Operability Training for Hopkins, Edina, Minnetonka, and St. Louis Park: 200 Firefighters trained using new Double BART technique. New BART Long Sleeve shirts handed out to certified trainers. (See "What's a Scruff?" and **Donor Spotlight**, pages 3 and 5)

Feb 23rd

Dr. Karina Burger spoke at horse handling class for firefighters offered through University of Minnesota Extension

Feb 25th

Ogilvie First Responders and Kanabec County Sheriffs Reserve trained for both Small Animal Basic Life Support and Large Animal Rescue

Feb 28th

BART Volunteer planning meeting at Andover Fire Department

BART In the News!

BART is very grateful for the recognition of the hard work it takes to keep the mission alive!

Veterinary Technician Magazine featured Michelle Miller, BS, CVT in the January 2008 "Compassion Counts" column. The story centered on Michelle's excellent leadership and clinical skills, but also discussed Michelle's dedication to BART, and explained Bart the dog's story. The article also included a link to our website; a much appreciated traffic-generator from such a well-read publication! "I love to see the strong bond that people have with their pets and the lengths to which people will go to save their animals. It's something that I don't think a lot of people get to see on a regular basis." For more, see **Volunteer Spotlight**, page 5

CVM News column "Alumni News" featured Drs. Janet Olson and Karina Burger, both from class of 1996, for their leadership of BART. The article covered what BART teaches in our training, that we are a volunteer organization, and that we've trained over 1,600 emergency response personnel. Don't blink, because officially, we've now trained over 2,500!



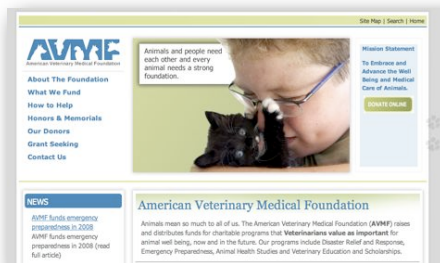
BART sponsored an informational booth at **Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association's (MVMA) Annual Convention**,

February 7-9, where over 100 new volunteers signed up! Two crews of Minneapolis firefighters stopped by Thursday to meet conference attendees and talk about their experiences with BART training and pet rescue. Fire Chiefs Charlotte Holt and Dan Winkel, who just joined the BART Board of Directors, helped staff the booth Friday. Drs Karina Burger and Janet Olson spoke at the MVMA Saturday breakfast, where we filled the room past capacity. (Hey, is that a fire code violation? :-))

BART would like to thank the many donors who made contributions during the MVMA Convention. A big thank you also goes to all the BART volunteers who assisted with our booth!

Drs. Janet Olson and Jerry Vanek along with CVT Virginia Rud spoke at the **Minnesota Association of Veterinary Technicians' Luncheon** during the MAVT Annual Convention. The talk garnered an overwhelmingly positive response!

American Veterinary Medical Foundation linked to BART on their home page. Visit www.avmf.org to see how our biggest donor has recognized the good work of BART on the front page of their website!



Training Highlights

“What’s a Scruff?”

St. Louis Park Firefighters were trained in four sessions, February 19, 20, 21, and 27. As luck would have it, they were called to a basement fire on Wed Feb 20th, when half their department had been trained. Upon arrival, the team learned that there were two cats trapped inside.

Unfortunately, the truck which responded to the fire had personnel which had not yet been BART trained. The Search Crew, lead by Assistant Chief Mark Windschitl, quickly found the two cats, but the crew struggled with handling them. The firefighters were able to extricate the dazed animals from the fire, and placed them in one of the truck cabs. The cats revived quickly, after receiving oxygen therapy and being reunited with their owners. Once outside, the rescuers, Captain Mark Nelson and Firefighter Eric Bakken, admitted that they’d had some difficulty handling the cats. “How do we catch these cats?” Oh, chimed in BART-trained firefighter Mike Dobesh, you grab the scruff. “What’s a scruff?” came the reply. Mike was kind enough to do an impromptu BART restraint training on spot. Needless to say, all involved were very attentive at the BART training session that night.

The cats, we are happy to report, did very well with medical attention.



Michelle Miller demonstrates scruffing a cat properly

Intra-Operability Training is new for the St. Louis Park Fire Department, who now trains once a quarter with three other cities: Edina, Minnetonka, and Hopkins. The four cities began to train together in February since they respond to many fires together. They specifically asked BART to the first session of the Intra-Operability training, since hands-on training with live pets would be a great ice-breaker. None of the departments had trained with BART before, so the new subject matter provided many collegial opportunities. Hopkins Fire Department hosted the four

BART classes that were held to train all 200 firefighters. The training has been a great success!

In fact, we had to develop a new way of training in order to accommodate the Four Cities’ size! We developed Double BART, with double the volunteers, double the animals, and double the fun! We used twelve to fourteen trainers, and double the equipment for each session! We were also able to certify seven new BART trainers, and some on more than one station!

The departments requested our training in January for the February training, which didn’t give us much time to raise funds for the sessions. The departments are very supportive of our efforts and requested an invoice for any of our training costs, not covered by community contributions on their behalf. We are providing the four departments with twelve BART kits!

Several local veterinary clinics pledged their support: Hopkins Pet Hospital, Pavak Animal Hospital, Westgate Pet Clinic, and Oak Knoll Animal Hospital. Local vet clinic representatives attended to meet their emergency response personnel, and observe the training: Dr. Dave Spong and Gwen Spong, from Hopkins Pet Hospital, and Dr. Jeremy Smith and Dr. Tracy Earl from Oak Knoll Animal Hospital.

We are still accepting donations for these training sessions. If you would like to support the BART training and kits for the Hopkins, Edina, Minnetonka or St Louis Park Fire Departments, please use the pledge form on page 6 or donate online at www.BasicAnimalRescueTraining.org! Please include a note indicating which department your donation is for, and thanks for your help!



Gwen and Dr. Dave Spong of Hopkins Pet Hospital pose with Hopkins Fire Department Assistant Chief Curt Mackey and a BART kit at the Hopkins Fire Department



Drs. Tracy Earl and Jeremy Smith of Oak Knoll Animal Hospital came to observe the training and meet their local first responders



Station 1: BART Volunteer Maria Gomez teaches the Pet Restraint and Handling Station at Intra-Operability Training for Four Cities

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Andover Fire Department BART training helps surrounding communities and their pets during mutual aid calls

BART trained and equipped the Andover Fire Department in April of 2007, and within three hours of the class firefighters were on the scene of a home fire where they rescued a cat and returned it safely to its grateful owner. Andover Fire has since helped numerous pets not only in their city, but in neighboring communities as well. They are the only fire department in Anoka County that have requested BART training and equipment thus far. Andover Fire Chief Dan Winkel says, "Our firefighters were initially apprehensive about BART training, and being expected to take on yet another responsibility during emergencies. But since our BART class, they have used the training several times and are now glad they have the appropriate skills and equipment to assist and rescue pets at all types of emergency incidents."



Andover Fire Chief Dan Winkel

On Monday December 3rd, Andover Fire responded to a head-on collision, where one of the cars involved had been thrown down into a steep ditch. The driver and her black lab were both trapped in the vehicle. The driver had minor injuries but was very concerned about her dog, who was crying and trying unsuccessfully to stand in the back seat of the car. She wanted to reach her dog but she was pinned in the car. Rescuers, including several Andover firefighters, took turns crawling into the wreck to restrain and comfort the dog while the car was being cut apart. The dog laid still and stopped crying when held. After the driver was extricated and taken to the hospital, Anoka County Sheriff Deputies and Andover Fire Rescuers removed the dog from the wreck and carried her up the steep snow-covered hill on a tarp. The Sergeant on the scene instructed a Community Service Officer to transport the dog for emergency care to a local



veterinary clinic, and the clinic was notified that dog was on the way. Unfortunately, the dog's injuries were quite severe and she was euthanized at the clinic due to the injuries she sustained in the crash.

BART training on how to safely restrain and move an injured pet helped the rescuers, the dog and the owner in this emergency. Injured animals can become aggressive due to their pain, and the rescuers knew how to handle this dog safely. Their compassionate care comforted the dog and

stopped her from struggling. Prompt transfer to local veterinary care gave the animal the best chance of survival and limited her suffering. And the owner who could not care for her dog was assured that the rescuers would do all they could to help.

Andover Fire has also used their BART training when responding to neighboring cities' mutual aid calls for assistance. On a call to assist Ham Lake Fire Department on January 17th, three cats and a dog were pulled from a home fire, covered in soot and suffering from severe smoke inhalation. No BART kits were available at the scene, so a Sheriff's Deputy brought the animals to a local veterinary clinic a few blocks away for care. Due to this incident, Andover Fire Chief Dan Winkel purchased an additional BART animal emergency medical kit for his own vehicle, to make sure that the animal rescue equipment is available when Andover Fire responds to assist other cities. Andover Fire now carries four BART kits to help rescue pets in Andover as well as surrounding cities.



Andover Firefighters Mike Heitland and Mike Luoma learn from BART pet volunteer Jackson.

BART Testimonials

We're always glad to hear back from our trainees, volunteers, and from our community neighbors and donors! Send us your comments - info@BasicAnimalRescueTraining.org!

"Thank you for the wonderful presentation today of BART. I certainly learned a lot that I didn't know about animal rescue and treatment."

– Gretel Keene, Falcon Heights Community Emergency Response Team Trainer

"Thanks for all you do to empower our firefighters and first responders with the ability to make communities safer for our animal family."

– Cynthia Erickson, Independence, MN

"We are owners/breeders/show-goers and handlers of Miniature Schnauzers. One of our members lives in MN and had seen info about BART. She posted your website

and we were very impressed. We hope that you will some day be able to expand to other areas of the U.S. We raised the money we are donating today through calendar sales and voted to send it to your organization. Thank you very much for all you do."

– Simply Schnauzers Discussion Forum Members

"Basic Animal Rescue Training (BART) has been a wonderful asset to our Fire/EMS training curriculum. For many years firefighters have been making animal rescues. However, after BART training our rescue efforts have been more effective...saving untold lives simply due to more knowledgeable and aggressive treatment. All 450 Minneapolis Fire Department firefighters took the BART class and as a result of that training feel empowered to use their new-found skills and tools in an effort to do what they are called to do...save lives. We continue to encourage

these efforts through written protocols and continuing education and every one of our new fire cadets are required to complete a BART course prior to successful completion of their training and station placement. I am very thankful to have met Dr. Janet Olson (BART's Founder) and feel very fortunate to partner with the BART program in such a worthwhile effort."

– Charlotte Holt, Deputy Chief of EMS, Minneapolis Fire Department

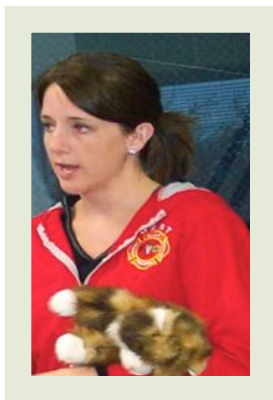
"Thanks a lot- I had a good time last night and I'm excited to be volunteering again, especially in such a well-run organization! Expect me to be around a lot for the next few years."

– Christa Lloyd, 1st year DVM/MPH student and new BART volunteer certified trainer



Michelle Miller, BS, CVT

Michelle Miller has been with BART for two and a half years! We're very grateful to have her assistance with administrative and fundraising activities. If that weren't enough, she also is one of our certified trainers!



Michelle first heard about BART when the program was in its infancy. She immediately thought the BART method of training was a fantastic idea, and started training with BART at the third session we ever held! Last year she found a new way to help - she joined the BART curriculum development team to help write the small animal course for submission to FEMA - a considerable undertaking! FEMA is evaluating the BART curriculum as the national model course to train first responders for animals. Michelle has also assisted BART by contacting local veterinary clinics to let them know BART is coming to their community, and asking them to attend class and consider volunteering with us.

Michelle is passionate about helping the community, and educating the public about the importance of training first responders to handle animals in emergencies. She does this everyday in her job - that's dedication! Michelle works as a Veterinary Technician at University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine's Oncology department. She not only supports the human / animal bond of clients, she also educates rotating veterinary students about BART.

Michelle is a BART-certified Pet Handling and Restraint Trainer and owns one cat, Missy, who is also a seasoned BART volunteer. Missy has starred in demonstrations at both the restraint and first aid stations. At a little over 5 years old, Missy still has many more years as a terrific BART volunteer; we're glad to have her as long as she still will put up with us scruffing her! Michelle's new puppy Apple is also a BART volunteer and came to his first training at the Hopkins Fire Department last week. Apple is a 7 month old yellow lab and enjoyed meeting the firefighters.

When you see Michelle, Missy and Apple at the next training sessions (remember, there are always more coming up!) give them a warm hello and thank you! They're just one team of our many wonderful BART Volunteers, but they hold a special place in our hearts.

Volunteer Spotlight

The lifeblood of BART is our many passionate volunteers. We're pleased to introduce you to this month's featured volunteers, Michelle Miller and Chandra Cristofono.

Donor Spotlight

Long-time donors Hugh and Julie Thibodeau were looking to give BART a Christmas present...



and asked Dr. Burger for BART's wish list. Since BART does so many Winter training sessions, we'd thought that long sleeve trainer shirts for our certified trainers would be a nice touch. We also had been hoping to buy a laptop computer to use when we train departments who don't have the equipment for slide projection.

Hugh and Julie agreed, and donated funds for the purchase of shirts for our volunteers, as well as a new laptop computer and software!

When firefighter Steve Oberaigner, owner of Bloomington Custom Embroidery heard of the Thibodeau's donation, he and his wife Nancy immediately offered to donate the BART embroidery and printing for these shirts, which makes our team look so sharp!

Thank you so much Hugh, Julie and Steve - you made our wishes come true!



Cassie Panning, Betsy Aird and Karina Burger model the new long sleeved BART trainer shirts. Cassie's Great Dane puppy Asher, a brand new BART pet volunteer, approves!



Chandra Cristofono, CVT

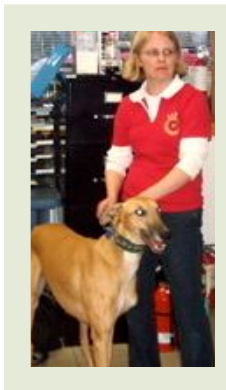
Chandra first met Dr. Janet Olson, founder of BART, in 1992 while Janet was a student at the Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine. Chandra was recruited for BART early on! She began to volunteer by training in 2005, and now also helps to promote the program. For the last year, Chandra has helped customize the BART medical kits to each community BART trains, by researching all the local vet clinics and assembling

their contact information and hours of operation.

During the training of Minneapolis Fire Department in 2006 (We trained every day for six weeks straight!), Chandra taught both the Animal Restraint and Pet First Aid stations with confidence and authority. She is a certified trainer for both those stations!

Chandra also volunteer-teaches at her alma mater. She graduated from Medical Institute of Minnesota (now part of Argosy University) in 1992. In addition to her busy volunteering schedule, she works and makes time for her two children, ages 2 and 9, and the family rabbit and cats.

Chandra says she enjoys volunteering with BART because "the interest of the participants and the passion of the other volunteers are very inspiring." Thank YOU Chandra, for inspiring us with your dedication!



Public Pledge Form

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BART carries out its mission thanks to the hard work of our passionate volunteers and the generosity of our donors and contributors. To all of our certified trainers and our 2008 Donors - Thank YOU for helping BART Save Lives!

Certified Trainers

Station 1: Restraint and Handling

Kim Barrett, CVT
Karen Brandt, DVM
Patty Burke, CVT
Nicole Coates, Vet Student
Chandra Cristofono, CVT
Maria Gomez, CVT
Pam Jagow, CVT, NREMT-P
Raeyna Longtin, DVM
Karen Marcus, CVT
Kara McArdell, Vet Student
Michelle Miller, CVT
Janet Olson, DVM
Maureen Parks, CVT
Melanie Pearson, CVT
Michelle Reckard, CVT
Julie Roberts, CVT
Virginia Rud, CVT
Jerry Vanek, DVM

Station 2: Assessment and First Aid

Betsy Aird, DVM
Kristina Andrusko-Bipes, DVM
Mary Avriette, RVT, Vet Student
Kim Barrett, CVT
Brent Bassett, CVT
Louise Beyea, DVM
Patty Burke, CVT
Ann Burt, DVM
Chandra Cristofono, CVT

Melanie Jackson, CVT
Susan LaBarre
Karen Marcus, CVT
Andi Nelsen, CVT
Janet Olson, DVM
Cassie Panning, CVT
Virginia Rud, CVT
Melissa Weisman, DVM
Jerry Vanek, DVM, EMT-B

Station 3: CPR

Betsy Aird, DVM
Kristina
Andrusko-Bipes, DVM
Louise Beyea, DVM
Karen Brandt, DVM
Ann Burt, DVM
Nicole Coates, Vet Student
Robinette Dunahugh-Ralston, Vet Student
Kara McArdell, Vet Student
Andi Nelsen, CVT
Janet Olson, DVM
Lara Rasmussen, DVM
Kristen Roffey, DVM
Jerry Vanek, DVM, EMT-B
Melissa Weisman, DVM



Station 4: Large Animal Restraint

Karina Burger, DVM
Christa Lloyd, Vet Student

Speakers

Betsy Aird, DVM
Karen Brandt, DVM
Karina Burger, DVM
Patty Burke, CVT
Karen Marcus, CVT
Janet Olson, DVM
Michelle Reckard, CVT
Jerry Vanek, DVM, EMT-B
Melissa Weisman, DVM

Training Assistants

Rich Halvorsen, Firefighter
Maria Gomez, CVT

Oak Knoll Animal Hospital
Pavek Animal Hospital
Plymouth Heights Pet Hospital
Prairie Village Pet Hospital
Westgate Pet Clinic

Andover Fire Department
Eden Prairie Fire Department
Edina Fire Department
Falcon Heights - CERT
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BART Tales

A Tale of Shadow

by Mary Ann Land

The Golden Valley Fire Department underwent BART training in 3 sessions in May and June of 2007 and were provided 3 BART emergency medical kits. They used their new skills and equipment to rescue Shadow, a black Labrador they pulled from a recent home fire.

While ventilating the smoke filled house on January 21, crews were unable to open the back door. After they got into the home from the front, they found out why - Shadow was lying against the back door, unconscious. St Louis Park firefighters Bob Hampton and Lt Paul Steinhilber carried the barely breathing dog to the fire truck, where BART trained Golden Valley firefighters Aaron Johnson and Wendy Granger grabbed their BART kit and went into action.



Shadow

They checked Shadow's vital signs and provided oxygen through a BART mask. Shadow revived in 6-7 minutes and was quickly transferred by police officers to Affiliated Emergency Veterinary Services in Golden Valley for further care.

Shadow was examined by two additional veterinary clinics, Banfield Pet Hospital in Richfield and the Pet Central Animal Hospital in Minneapolis, in the week following the fire. Dr. Jennifer Blum at Banfield said Shadow was perky and in good spirits but his eyes were injured from the fire and smoke and he was coughing a lot. Dr. Blum treated his eyes for ulcerations and lungs for smoke inhalation. Amy Johnson, a CVT at Pet Central told us Shadow is recovering well thanks to the prompt and appropriate care he was provided on the scene, along with receiving expert veterinary care so quickly.

Thumbs up from BART to everyone who worked together to help save Shadow! A big THANK YOU goes to the Golden Valley Fire Department Relief Association and the American Veterinary Medical Foundation for their donations to support the BART training and pet rescue equipment for the Golden Valley Fire Department!



BART Volunteer trainers Dr. Louise Beyea and CVTs Cassie Panning and Kim Barrett, along with dog volunteer Sadie teach pet assessment and first aid at Golden Valley Fire