

MRC Mission Sets

Animal Response Mission Set

Mission Set: The term 'mission set' describes a scalable response and recovery capability for MRC units and volunteers that is organized, developed, trained, and exercised prior to an emergency or disaster for local, state, and/or regional deployment purposes.

Oklahoma Region 7, Tulsa MRC - Animal Response Team

The Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps (OKMRC) is unique in the fact that it is a statewide system (e.g., one website, one volunteer application, one background check) that allows all 32 MRC units and the more than 6,100 volunteers within Oklahoma to easily respond across jurisdictional boundaries when local resources are overwhelmed and the local unit needs assistance. Oklahoma Region 7 - Tulsa County MRC is one of those 32 units within OKMRC.

Mission Set Title: Animal Response

Resource Description: The Animal Response Team works to house and care for animals in disasters/emergencies. This team can set up or augment an Emergency Animal Shelter for unowned animals due to natural or man-made disasters and can also care for owned animals during and after a disaster when the animals are unable to stay with their owners at their alternate housing locations.

Resource Components

Personnel:	Licenses or Certifications Required? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes - Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) and Veterinary Technician (VT) • No - general volunteers Type: Type III or Type IV This team can range from a small core team (DVM, VT, and 3-4 general animal response volunteers) to a cadre of animal response volunteers depending on the size and scope of the operation.	
Training Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRC Orientation • ICS 100 / ICS 700 • Family/Personal Preparedness • Basic Animal Response Training 	
Equipment Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cages (various sizes) • Bowls • Slip Leashes / 6' slip leashes • Food (cat, dog, puppy, kitten: wet/dry) • Water • Laundry facilities • Dish washing facilities • Blankets/towels • Flea/tick medications • Microchips • Microchip reader • Heartworm prevention • Heartworm tests • Antibiotics • Syringes • Gloves • First Aid Kit (Human & Animal) • Rescue cleaner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mop & bucket • Trash bags and trash cans • Poop bags • Bite gloves • Hand sanitizer • Zip ties • Heavy-duty zip ties • Page Protector • Cage cards • Rings to attach cage cards • Ziplock bags • 3-ring binders • Tape • Duct tape (various colors) • Printer • Dry erase boards • Dry erase markers • Digital camera

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Mission Set Title: Animal Response (cont'd)

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Resource Components

Equipment Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer/Printer • Animal Response Sheltering Forms • Pens/Sharpies/highlighters • Internet hotspot • Hand soap, dish soap, laundry soap • Paper towels • Puppy pads • Aluminum pans (for litter boxes) • Litter • Cage cleaner • Bleach • Pill pockets (dog & cat) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scissors • Restroom facilities for volunteers • Flashlights • Cell phone/charging station • Dolly/moving cart • Airline crates (various sizes) • Optional but very helpful: hog panels • Surge protector • Portable charger or solar-powered charger for cell phones/electronics • Stapler
Deployment Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 8-12 hours, locally • Within 48 hours, outside local jurisdiction 	
Rotation of Personnel:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend shifts be between 8-12 hours; not to exceed 12 hours. • Volunteers should not be deployed for more than two weeks. 	
Pre-Planning Considerations:	<p>Space Requirements: Space must be large enough to support shelter set-up and operations, including enough room for species separation.</p> <p>Support Requirements: Electricity, water, heat/air, dish sink, washer & dryer access, toilet facilities, and refuse disposal area</p>	

Resources:

- Helping Animals & Their Owners in Disasters (in-person class developed by HEART)
- See [Job Action Sheets](#) listed in SOP (Word document - will appear as a "download" in your browser)
- Just in Time Training (given on site)
- Online Course: [Psychological First Aid](#)
- Psychological First Aid [Field Operations Guide](#)
- Self-Paced Trainings: [FEMA 100](#) / [FEMA 200](#) / [FEMA 700](#)
- OKMRC [Orientation](#) (log-in required)
- Think Cultural Health: [Culturally Competent Care](#)
- Family First: [Developing a Family Emergency Plan](#) (requires log-in)
- CPR/First Aid/AED Training (in person; recommend American Heart Association or American Red Cross)
- Basic Animal Response Training (in-person training)
- Stop the Bleed Training (in person; we use [BleedingControl.org](#) resources)
- OKMRC [Volunteer Handbook](#)
- Questionnaires: [Pre- & Post-Deployment](#)
- Checklist: [Emergency Animal Sheltering](#)
- Forms: [Animal Intake and Small Animal Intake Exam](#)
- Forms: [CART Animal Bite Report](#) (Word document - will appear as a "download" in your browser)