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In 2009, a group of local volunteers came together to form the Amador County Animal Response Team (ACART) whose mission is to shelter domestic pets and animals in the event of an emergency such as a wildland fire and to educate the public on disaster preparedness. The Federal Pet Act of 2006 requires counties to provide sheltering for pets as well as humans. ACART volunteers provide Amador County with the ability to comply with this requirement, at no cost to taxpayers.

ACART members are Disaster Service Workers authorized by the Amador County Sheriff, Office of Emergency Services, and operate under the direction of Amador County Animal Control. We partner with the American Red Cross to set up and provide co-sheltering situations for evacuees, their pets and domestic animals. We are incorporated into the Amador County Community Wildfire Protection Plan and recognized by the Amador County Fire Chiefs Association and CALFIRE.

We meet and train monthly conducting sheltering drills, small and large animal handling, animal first aid, animal behavior, and fire line safety. We mentor and co-train with our counterpart organizations in Butte and El Dorado counties.

In July of 2014, during the Amador County Fair, ACART established and operated its first live disaster shelter in response to the Sand Fire, which involved evacuations in both Amador and El Dorado counties.

In September of 2015, ACART's second shelter operation served evacuees from the Butte Fire. Evacuations were again two counties, Amador and Calaveras. This operation ran 24/7 for 10 days where 448 animals were sheltered and 451 returned – yes, we assisted in the delivery of 3 goat kids!

As an all-volunteer organization, we do not receive funding from any agency or entity. The cost of all supplies and training is borne by the members and through fundraising activities. The list of items we need to acquire can be seen by visiting our web site.

Individuals in Amador County are encouraged to become members of our team. For additional information, you can contact Jon Baldwin at [info@amadoranimalresponse.org](mailto:info@amadoranimalresponse.org).

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