

## UVDART - Four Levels Of Disaster Response

1. UVDART provides trained DART personnel to assist with staffing an animal shelter of a small ARC pet-friendly human shelter (10-12 persons and perhaps 3-4 animals).
2. UVDART sets up independent, small animal shelters with its own team and equipment.
3. UVDART responds to moderate - large scale disaster events (floods, hurricanes, ice storms, hazardous material spills, etc.) by setting up a shelter for a large number of companion animals. Animal shelters are typically in a separate area of the Red Cross regional shelter facility (co-sheltering) or in a nearby suitable facility to allow for owner care and visitation. UVDART is the primary companion-animal shelter provider at these larger regional human shelters and deploy a full response team along with a Companion Animal Mobile Equipment Trailer (CAMET), a fully-stocked resource and equipment trailer. When human/DART shelters close down, UVDART partners with humane societies and other organizations to provide appropriate continuing animal care.
4. UVDART provides assistance to other VDART teams or are deployed to a national event (e.g. major hurricane), sending trained and credentialed volunteers to assist the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) or other national response organizations.

## Volunteers needed!

There is a place for anyone who wants to help shelter and feed animals displaced during serious local emergencies or state-wide disasters.

Veterinarians and veterinarian techs are always needed. Other volunteer jobs include shelter operations & general care, public relations, logistics (equipment & expendable supplies), team leadership, and fund raising. Training is available.

To volunteer or find out more information, please contact:

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Or visit [www.vermontdart.org/volunteer](http://www.vermontdart.org/volunteer)



## Donations

Donations are gratefully accepted and may be mailed to:

VDART  
PO Box 1423  
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*\*Please make checks payable to "VDART, Inc" and include "Donation for UVDART" in the memo line.*

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What happens to your  
pets when disaster  
strikes?

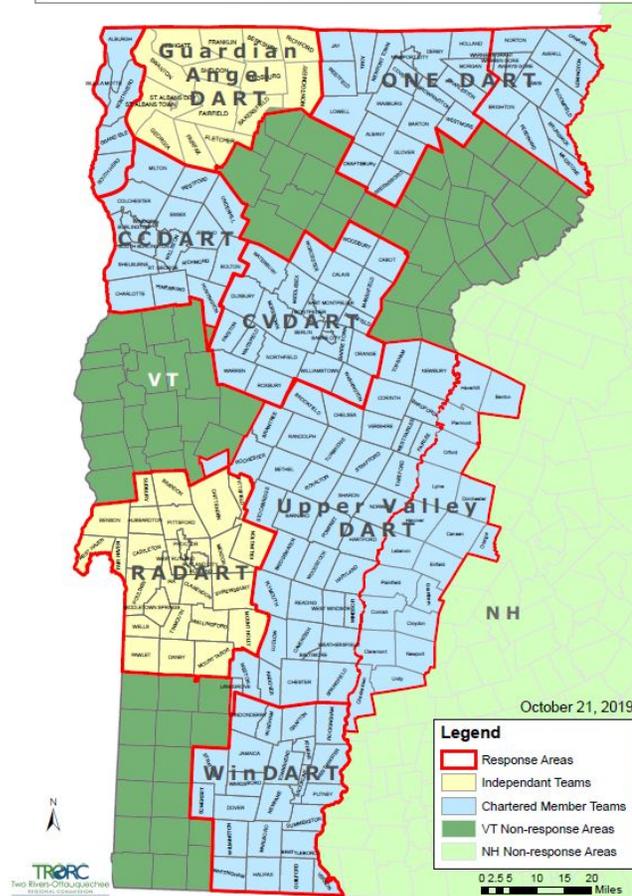
**UVDART is there to help.**

*Volunteers needed.*

## What is UVDART?

Disaster Animal Response Teams (DART) throughout the USA provide temporary assistance to animals in need of services during natural or man-made disasters. The Upper Valley Disaster Animal Response Team (UVDART), a volunteer-based, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and bi-state team, provides a trained, credentialed, and consistent response team across the borders of the Upper Valley Region.

### Vermont Disaster Animal Response Teams (VDART)



## What Role Does UVDART Play in the Upper Valley Community?

- UVDART provides pre-disaster preparedness for personal home events through public awareness, training, building emergency kits with supplies, and pre-establishing linkages to support alternatives like family, neighbors and partner farms.
- FEMA encourages those affected by disasters to bring their companion animals with them to the shelters.
- The American Red Cross (ARC) is the primary volunteer agency providing human shelter services during disasters, usually referred to as mass care. Typically the majority of these responses are single-unit disaster events, such as a barn collapse or house/apartment fires. However, during major events, they may also offer large regional shelters serving 200-300 people. Animals needing temporary shelter after single-unit disasters may be addressed by the ARC or, in consultation with UVDART, by developing and maintaining a list of participating resources such as pet friendly lodging, veterinarians, humane societies, boarding kennels and partner/host farms for large animals.
- When the situation calls for shelter and care of a large number of animals, trained UVDART team leaders work under the general direction of the local or state Operations Management within the Incident Command System (ICS), working closely with the State(s)' other regional or national DARTs.



UVDART was the first team chartered by the state-wide Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team, Inc. (VDART). UVDART partners with the NH/VT Region of the American Red Cross (ARC) and NHDART. UVDART is also affiliated by memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the VT Agency of Agriculture, Farms & Markets through VDART.



**Caring for companion animals during disasters**