Community Animal Response Team (CART)

Why volunteer with the Community Animal Response Team?
When called upon by Animal Rescue League of Iowa officials, the CART team will respond by providing professional response and sheltering for the animals in our community. CART members are trained to perform companion animal and livestock sheltering operations during emergencies and disasters including intake management, providing care and reuniting animals with their owners.

Duties and Responsibilities
- Monthly volunteer participation in cleaning and caring for the animals at any ARL location
- Providing care to animals at ARL Main or another offsite location in response to emergencies such as a fire, flooding or other disasters

Requirements
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must be able to attend monthly meetings
- Must be able to commit to a minimum of two shifts as a CART member per year
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to kneel, bend and stand for prolonged periods of time
- Ability to lift 30lbs
- Ability to work in all weather conditions
- Flexible and open to working in a constantly changing environment
- Willingness and ability to face the emotional challenges of working in a high demand emergency shelter

Shifts
- Shifts are dependent upon need

Training
- Attend a CART orientation
- Complete the required FEMA certification
- Attend monthly meetings
- Ongoing training will be provided

HOW TO APPLY

Current Volunteers: email rdovernecker@arl-iowa.org stating interest in the position

New Volunteers: will need to complete new volunteer onboarding process

Skills (preferred, but not required)
- Maintain composure in high stress situations
- Adaptability
- Teamwork

Emotional Considerations
Emergencies, by nature, are high stress situations. The people displaced by these events, as well as their pets, are emotionally effected. Emergency shelters need to be flexible and adaptable to the needs presented by the situation, and the volunteers working in them need to be understanding, calm, and adaptable to change.

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