



## **Introduction to Animal Disaster Services and Basic Emergency Animal Sheltering (EAS)**

**Saturday May 11, Charlton Senior Center**

**37 Main Street, Charlton, Ma 01507 9 a.m-3p.m**

This training is in partnership with Emergency Management and the Animal Control Officers of the eight towns in the Tri-Epic region. Local Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTS) will participate and be trained to help strengthen response capabilities in their towns.

**CEU's for Animal Control and Veterinary Technicians pending approval.**

### **9-12:30 a.m. Part I Classroom instruction:**

Through films and lecture, participants will learn the best practices for being an animal responder in a disaster, EAS including intake protocols, interviewing skills, working with partner organizations in co-located shelters. The course will cover the basics of local, regional, and national response systems (animal response as it fits into the Incident Command System), psychological aspects of working a disaster for you and the client, kinds of EAS shelters, communication in a disaster, shelter assessments, Assistance animals in a shelter; coping with resources/ volunteers and "stuff" (donations), animal handling in stressful conditions and more.

***A light lunch and refreshments are being donated. Please note diet restrictions when registering.***

### **1-3ish p.m. Part II Experiential Hands On Practice (Part 1 required)**

The second half of the day will be a live set up and practice of a basic (mock) emergency animal shelter including assessing supplies needed, shelter set up, intake procedures, use of a scanner, basic medical issues/limitations and referral, security in the shelter, coping with varied populations of clients and animals, practice techniques with animals, liaison with animal control. (Please note, only non-reactive animals are used for the training)

**Instructors: CMDART, local animal control, local vet techs/veterinarians.**

**Sign up here :** <https://signup.com/go/VPjpyXv>

**Deadline May 9, 5 p.m.** CMDART message line is 508-803-1989 for additional questions.



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