

# ACART HISTORY

In 2009, concerned residents met with Amador County Animal Control and the Amador Fire Safe Council to express their willingness to volunteer for the evacuation and sheltering of animals during natural disasters. The result: ACART. Its members are certified as Disaster Service Workers, qualifying the team to staff and conduct animal shelter activities in support of county residents during emergencies such as fires, floods and earthquakes.

Although ACART operates under the direction of the county Office of Emergency Services and the county Animal Control director, it is not funded by the county's budget and remains a completely volunteer organization dependent on small grants and the generosity of concerned citizens.

ACART members hone their animal-handling skills through monthly training sessions and regular participation in county-organized disaster drills. Its team also participates in joint exercises with neighboring counties, and performs educational outreach to prepare the public for emergency evacuations.

Over the years, ACART has utilized its trained volunteer staff to shelter livestock and domestic animals when incidents required their extended care. ACART's first incident was the 2014 Sand Fire. Since then, ACART has been deployed for the 2015 Butte Fire, 2018 Irish Fire, 2020 Copper Fire and the most recent 2021 Caldor Fire and Lawrence Fire. Over 4,000 incident hours have been logged, including a county-wide donation drive and transport of supplies to support teams on the 2018 Camp Fire.

ACART meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Check our website for the latest information.

[www.amadoranimalresponse.org](http://www.amadoranimalresponse.org)



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## ACART

MISSION STATEMENT

- **Partner** with emergency services to provide shelter and care for appropriate livestock and domestic animals faced with evacuation from a declared disaster in Amador County
- **Educate** the public on evacuation and emergency preparedness



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