**SUGGESTED Trainings:**

* Animals in Disasters: Awareness and Preparedness (FEMA IS-10.A)

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-10.a&lang=en>

* Use of Walkie-Talkies and other communication devices
* PFA 101: MA Psychological First Aid, a Foundations Course
  + Or any PFA course, preferable in person
* Personal Protective Equipment
* Cultural Awareness/Humility
* We *strongly* recommended that you get some hands-on, non-emergency experience with animals
* Attend *LOCAL* Emergency Pet Shelter Training and/or Exercises

**QUICK LINKS:**

* Americans with Disabilities – Service Animals:
  + <https://adata.org/guide/service-animals-and-emotional-support-animals>
  + <https://www.ada.gov/resources/service-animals-2010-requirements/>
  + <https://www.ada.gov/topics/service-animals/>
* American Kennel Club: Which is Which, Therapy Dog or Service Dog? <https://www.akc.org/canine-partners/which-is-which-therapy-dog-or-service-dog/>
* ASPCA: [http://www.aspca.org](http://www.aspca.org/)
* American Veterinary Medical Association
  + <https://www.avma.org/sites/default/files/2023-11/aph-save-the-whole-family-pets.pdf>
  + Large Animals in Disaster: <https://www.avma.org/resources/pet-owners/emergencycare/large-animals-and-livestock-disasters>
* Center for Disease Control (CDC) Emergency Preparedness and Response, Disaster Information for Pet Shelters:

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthy-pets/emergency-preparedness/index.html>

* Evacuation of Pets During Disasters: A Public Health Intervention to Increase Resilience

Robin Chadwin, DVM, MPVM <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5551593/>

* FEMA IS-10.A: Animals in Disasters: Awareness and Preparedness:

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-10.a&lang=en>

* Friends for Life: Co-Habitated Emergency Animal Sheltering
  + <https://friends4life.org/DisasterToolkit/>
* National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs (NASAAEP)
  + <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal_Health/eprs/docs/nasaaep_disaster_veterinary_medical_response_best_practices.pdf>
* Pets, Emergency Sheltering and Health Concerns:
  + Cleveland Clinic, Zoophobia: <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/diseases/22727-zoophobia-fear-of-animals>
  + Cleveland Clinic, Pet Allergies: <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/diseases/17702-pet-allergies>
  + Cleveland Clinic, Zoonotic Disease: <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/diseases/zoonotic-diseases>
* Prepared your Pets for Disaster:
  + <https://www.ready.gov/pets>
  + <https://www.ready.gov/plan>
* Service Animals at ADA.gov

<https://www.ada.gov/topics/service-animals/>

* State of Massachusetts Animal Rescue Team: [www.smartma.org](http://www.smartma.org/)
  + <http://smartma.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/SMART-Shelter-Manual-5-25-14-.pdf>
* US Service Animals: Emotional Support Animal information and laws by State

<https://usserviceanimals.org/blog/emotional-support-animal-laws/>