

2024 in Review

CVDART is the Central Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team. We are one of several local chapters of the Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (VDART). We serve Washington, Essex and Caledonia Counties. Our mission is to help families and communities care for family pets during community emergencies.

In 2024 our all-volunteer group put in over 314 hours to accomplish the following:

SHELTERING: We opened a shelter in July for 5 days due to flooding. We were on standby twice for sheltering in Barre, Hinesburg and St. Johnsbury.



PUBLIC EDUCATION: Volunteers talked to the public and gave away pet emergency information at the following events: U 32 Craft Fair, East Montpelier, Walk for the Animals, Montpelier, NQID Parade, Waterbury, Do Good Fest, Montpelier.

TRAINING:

CVDART partnered with local EMTs for Pet First Aid Training, Live animal training included:

- Caring for Rabbits in an emergency sheltering situation,
- Caring for Rats in an emergency sheltering situation,
- Caring for Guinea Pigs in an emergency sheltering situation,

Other training included:

Preventing and Breaking up a Dog Fight,

Process of setting up and running a shelter,

We had three in depth workshops on using the new EASApp to streamline running a shelter.



OVER AND ABOVE: The *Med/Vet Committee* worked hard to come up with a comprehensive plan for pet health care in a long term shelter. The *Pet Food Distribution Committee* collected and distributed donated pet food to local food pantries with an approximate total value of \$4,300.00. The *Trailer Re-organizing Committee* spent hours designing and building a custom interior for our new trailer, creating shelving to store our supplies. The *BOR/Barre Auditorium Shelter Committee* brainstormed ideas for working around the new set-up in the Barre Aud now that the ice ring will be mostly unavailable for sheltering.



THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE OUR WORK POSSIBLE

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