



When Pigs Fly: Using the Power of Partnerships to Address Animal Concerns in Disasters

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NASAAEP Best Practices

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Introduction - Who We Are



The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) was founded in 1886 by Henry Bergh.

National Field Response (NFR)





Emergencies involving animals are not much different than those involving people.

It is impossible to do everything for people or animals without assistance.

Partnerships help everyone involved

- Emergency Management
- Emergency Services
- Animal Services
- Public Health
- Animal Owners (Residents)
- Animals



Amory, MS tornado



Disasters Start Locally

So Should Your Partnerships



Local Partners

Animal Organizations

- Animal Control
- Animal Shelters/SPCAs
- Veterinarians
- Animal Rescue (nonprofits)
- Wildlife Rescue (nonprofits)
- County/Community Animal Response Teams (CART)



Sevier County, TN Wildfire

Local Partners Animal Organizations

- Boarding Facilities
- Breed Clubs
- Farm Clubs (4-H, FFA)
- Zoos & Aquariums
- Private Barns & Stables

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Local Partners

Emergency Services

- Fire Department
- Law Enforcement
- Search and Rescue
- Dept. of Social and Health Services (DSHS)



Local Partners

Emergency Services

- Public Works
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
- HAM Radio Groups



Other Local Partners

- Fairgrounds
- VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster)
- Parks Department
- Realtors
- Community Centers
- Food Banks
- Homeless Shelters
- Big Box Stores



Case Study

Amory, MS Tornado

March 24, 2023

Population: 6,400

**1,500+ homes and businesses
destroyed or damaged**

**Amory Animal Control
Amory Humane Society
Oktibbeha County Humane Society**

Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine DART

Local veterinary hospital

Greater Birmingham Humane Society

Greater Good Charities

ASPCA Mobilizes Disaster Response Team to Assist Mississippi Animal Shelter Severely Damaged by Devastating Tornadoes





State Resources

EMAC

Declared emergencies

Law in all 50 states

States send requested resources

Requesting state pays all costs

FEMA resource typing



State Partners Animal Organizations

- Dept. of Agriculture
- Veterinary Reserve Corps
- Animal Care & Control Association
- Veterinary Medical Association
- Cattlemen's Association
- Equine Association
- Fish & Wildlife



State Partners Emergency Services

- Emergency Management
- Fire Service
 - Fire Chiefs & Commissioners
 - Firefighters Association
- Law Enforcement
 - Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs



State Partners

Other Services

- Transportation
- Public Health
- Social Services
- Natural Resources



National Resources

National Partners

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Dept. of Agriculture (USDA)
- Dept. of Justice (DOJ)
- National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD)
- National Guard



National Partners

- National Animal Rescue and Sheltering Coalition (NARSC)
- National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs (NASAAEP)





National Partner Spotlight

National Animal Rescue and
Sheltering Coalition (NARSC)

Mission

NARSC collaborates with and supports governmental and non-governmental partners in building and sustaining the country's all hazards/all species animal emergency management capabilities.



National Partner Spotlight

National Animal Rescue and
Sheltering Coalition (NARSC)

- Coordination Calls
- Subject Matter Experts
 - Planning
 - Operational Consulting
 - Animal Search and Rescue
 - Animal Decontamination
 - Emergency Animal Sheltering
 - Specialty Training
- Disaster Preparedness and Response Grants

NARSC Members

Agencies can have individual agreements with NARSC member organizations

NARSC members help in various ways and not all of them respond to disasters

- Grants
- Subject matter experts
- Training

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Fund for
Animal Welfare

The Association for
Animal Welfare
Advancement



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OF ZOOS &
AQUARIUMS

RedRover
Bringing Animals from Crisis to Care

National Partner Spotlight

National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs (NASAAEP)



- **Facilitate information sharing and planning at local, state, and federal levels**
- **Monthly Calls**
- **NASAAEP Summit**
- **Animal Disaster Response Best Practices**

Case Study

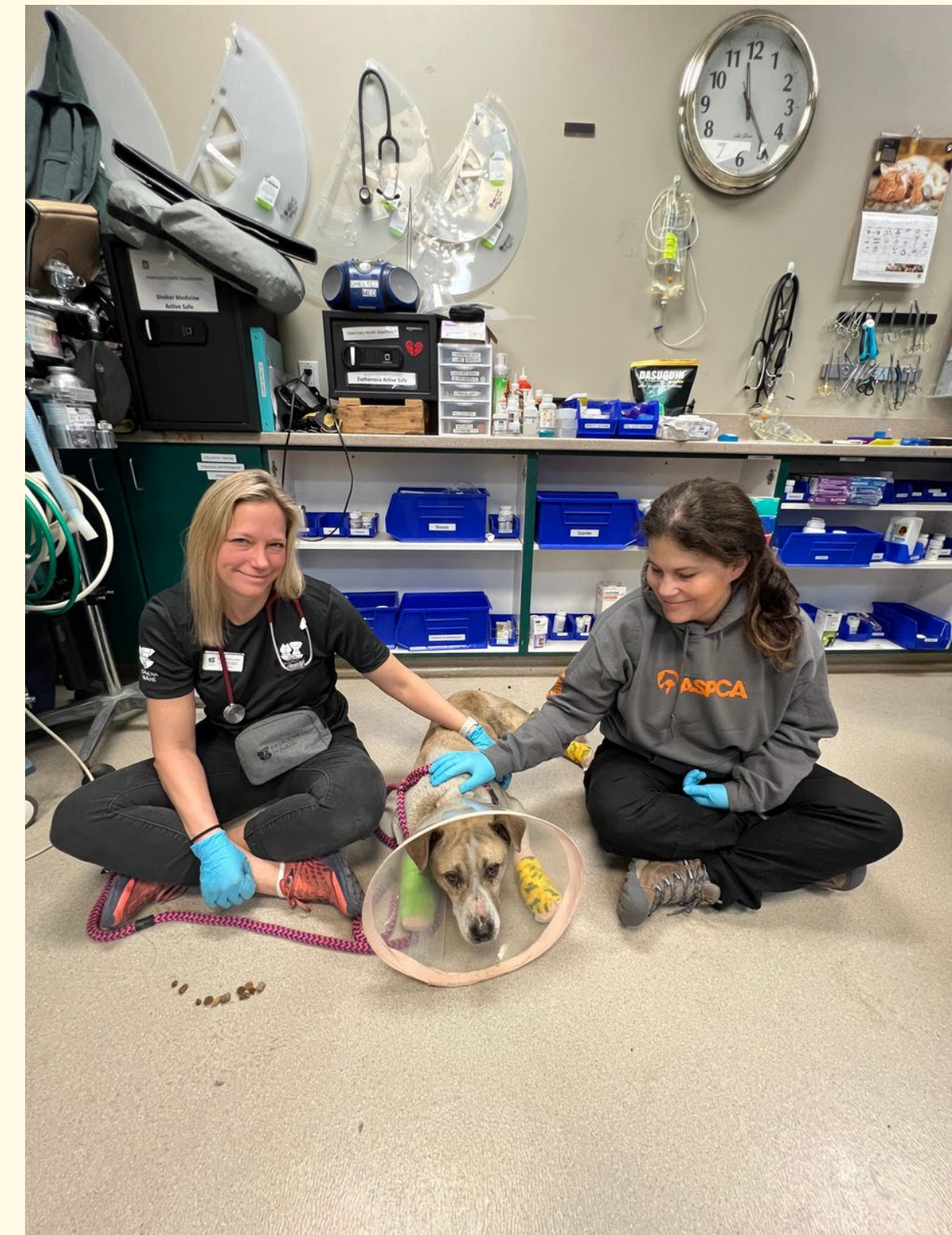
Los Angeles Wildfires
January 2025

**Population: 13.6 million
16,000+ homes and
businesses destroyed or
damaged**

**Pasadena Humane
City of Los Angeles Animal Services
Los Angeles County Animal Services
American Humane Rescue
North Valley Animal Disaster Group
American Red Cross
International Fund for Animal Welfare
Hill's Science Diet**

VIDEO LINK

ASPCA Partners with Other NARSC Members to Assist Agencies in City of Los Angeles and LA County



National Partner Spotlight

National Alliance of State Animal
and Agricultural Emergency
Programs (NASAAEP)

NASAAEP Best Practices

- Animal Decontamination
- Animal Evacuation and Transport
- Emergency Animal Sheltering
- Disaster Veterinary Care
- Community Outreach and Engagement
- Planning and Resource Management



Check them out at:

www.thenasaep.com/nasaep-best-practice-working-groups





Agreements

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Mutual Aid (MAA)
- Contract Services
- Other

Multiple agreements are important

Call to Action

Learn more about your community's emergency response plan - do you have a role in it?

Learn more about your organization's emergency operations plan

Reach out to potential partners - how can you collaborate?



Questions?

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