

**Guernsey County EOP  
Animal Annex**

Primary Agency:

Guernsey County Dog Warden

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Support Agencies:

Guernsey County Humane Society  
Guernsey County Pound Partners  
Local Veterinarians  
Local Kennels  
Local Pet Stores

**I. Introduction**

**A. Purpose**

The purpose of this annex is to establish procedures for assisting, protecting and sheltering household pets (cats and dogs) within Guernsey County in the event of an emergency or disaster.

**B. Scope**

Because of the wide variety of domestic and exotic animals that are maintained as pets, resources do not exist at the county level to provide adequate shelter for each species. Therefore this annex only addresses dogs and cats as household pets.

**II. Situation & Assumptions**

**A. Situation**

1. Any disaster that threatens humans, threatens animals as well and it will be necessary to provide water, shelter, food and first aid.
2. Animal protection planning will ensure the proper care and recovery of animals impacted during an emergency.
3. Shelter locations may be required to provide domesticated animal control due to sheltered persons bringing their pets with them.

**B. Assumptions**

1. An owner is responsible for the care, sheltering, feeding and transportation of their pet.
2. During a large scale emergency a pet owner may become incapacitated, unable to fulfill their responsibility to care for their pet or forced to seek shelter in a Mass Care facility. Mass Care facilities opened within the county during an evacuation or other large-scale emergencies do not permit animals, other than those used for special needs assistance (service animals).
3. Because unattended pets may pose a risk to themselves and to the general public, Guernsey County, during such large scale emergencies, will implement this annex for animal disaster relief.
4. Guernsey County has limited assets to care for animals during a disaster, therefore the assistance of local veterinarians; state agencies, federal agencies and volunteer organizations will be heavily relied upon.

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**III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

- A. The sheltering and protection of companion animals is the responsibility of their owners. Animal owners should plan for animal care during a disaster as they prepare their family preparedness plan. Information on planning for disaster animal care will be posted on the Guernsey County EMA web site and available at the Guernsey County Animal Shelter.
- B. The Guernsey County Dog Warden will be the lead agency for situation assessment and determination of resource needs. As needed the county will protect animals affected by any disaster to include rescue, shelter, control, and feeding of animals left homeless, lost, or strayed as a result of the disaster. Local vets and pet shops may be requested to provide assistance in this effort.
- C. Requests for animal protection assistance, additional resource needs and additional veterinary medical professionals will be routed through the Guernsey County Emergency Operations Center.
- D. Shelters that have been established for disaster victims will not accept domestic animals. However, if an evacuee comes to the shelter with their pet(s), efforts will be made to assist in locating the domestic animal(s) away from the general populace and given proper care until other arrangements are made.
- E. Pet owners needing shelter for their animals will be directed to designated veterinary hospitals, kennels, boarding facilities, other private animal care shelters, area pet friendly hotels, or as a last resort to the county emergency animal shelter.

**IV. DIRECTION AND CONTROL**

- A. The Guernsey County Dog Warden will direct and control all activities related to household animal protection and control during a disaster.
- B. Due to personnel shortages it is unlikely that any representative for the primary agency or from the support agencies will remain at the EOC throughout activation. Rather coordination will be conducted via radio, phone and during face-to-face meetings at the EOC or in the field.

**V. Responsibilities**

- 1. Lead Agency
  - a. Maintain resource list of those agencies and organizations that are capable to provide support in implementing this annex.
  - b. Maintain standard operating procedures for the implementation of this annex.
  - c. Assess the situation and make a decision on the number and location of shelters that will be used to house animals. Typical pet facilities include the jurisdiction's animal shelter(s), veterinary hospitals, boarding kennel, and pet stores.
  - d. Coordinate with veterinary and animal organizations to arrange for their support and services to help meet the needs of owners of companion animals.

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- e. Coordinate and/or manage public and private sector efforts to meet the animal service needs that arise including:
    - (1) Rescue and capture of household pets (dogs and cats) that have escaped confinement.
    - (2) Evacuation
    - (3) Sheltering
    - (4) Care of injured, sick and stray animals
  - f. As appropriate, coordinate search and rescue teams to look for household pets left behind by their owners, stray animals, and others needing transport to a safe location.
  - g. Open shelters, register pets and provide food, water and medical care as necessary for the animals in the shelter.
2. Support Agencies
- a. Guernsey County Humane Society  
Provide assistance to the Dog Warden in meeting the needs of displaced household pets.
  - b. Guernsey County Pound Partners  
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Area Resources

Kennels & Boarding Services

Companion Dogs  
9915 Roller Rd  
Byesville, Oh  
685-5059

Guernsey Veterinary Clinic  
2103 E Wheeling Ave.  
Cambridge, Oh  
432-5980

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Pet Shops

Petland  
Southgate Parkway  
Cambridge, Oh  
435-3474

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Veterinarian Services

Animal Clinic of Cambridge  
3979 Glenn Hwy  
Cambridge, Oh  
439-1728

Guernsey Veterinary Clinic  
2103 E Wheeling Ave.  
Cambridge, Oh  
432-5980

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Pet Friendly Hotels & Motels

Best Western  
1945 Southgate Parkway  
439-3581

Holiday Inn  
2248 Southgate Parkway  
432-7313 or 877-508-1786

**Policy:** Small pets allowed, no pets are to  
be left unattended

Comfort Inn  
2327 Southgate Parkway  
439-3581

**Policy:** Pet accommodation: 10.00/pet per stay. Pet Limit: Only 3 pets/room allowed.

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FOSTER HOME – VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

County Animal Response Team (CART)

**Name of Organization**

**Address**

The “Organization” will provide animal response services in the event of a disaster. These services will cover many areas (i.e. hands-on animal care, field service, transportation, supplies, phone, etc.) and volunteers will be needed to assist. Foster homes may be needed to care for displaced animals.

If you are interested in providing a foster home in the aftermath of a disaster, please provide the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Pager \_\_\_\_\_

Experienced in caring for: Dogs ☐ Cats ☐ Small Exotics ☐ Horses ☐ Livestock ☐

Any other resource/experience that would be helpful? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have: Crates/Carriers? ☐ Fenced pasture? ☐ Barn? ☐ Outside dog kennels? ☐

Have you received any of the following pre-exposure vaccinations?

Tetanus? \_\_\_\_ Date of last vaccination \_\_\_\_\_ Hepatitis B? \_\_\_\_ Date of last vaccination \_\_\_\_\_

Hepatitis A? \_\_\_\_ Date of last vaccination \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies? \_\_\_\_ Date of last vaccination \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pets at home now? \_\_\_\_\_ Please provide the name, breed, sex and age of each of your animals.

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Name and address of your veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_

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In the event of a disaster, what is your personal disaster plan covering your home, family and pets?

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***Thank you for volunteering to help animals.*** Mail or deliver this completed registration to ? We will contact you to discuss the requirements for foster care.

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