



Rhode Island Disaster Animal Response Team VOLUNTEER APPLICATION (3 pages)

First Name		Last Name		Date of Birth
Address			Driver's License # / State	
City/State/Zip code			Are you licensed to drive anything other than a car? YES ___ NO ___ What _____	
Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone	Pager	
Email address		Any additional contact information		
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY				
Contact		Relationship		
Address		City/State/Zip code		
Home Phone	Work Phone	Any additional contact information		
MEDICAL INFORMATION				
Do you have health insurance? YES ___ NO ___		Carrier	Policy Number	
Do you have current Tetanus vaccinations? YES ___ NO ___ Note: If not, you must get vaccinated. Proof of Tetanus vaccination is required for volunteers.		Have you had a Rabies Vaccine or Titer in the past 5 years? YES ___ NO ___ If YES, date received _____		
Do you have any allergies (e.g., animals, medicines, foods)? YES ___ NO ___ If YES, explain _____		Are you afraid of any animals? YES ___ NO ___ TYPE _____		
Do you have any medical conditions that we should be aware of in case of emergency? YES ___ NO ___ If YES, explain _____				
EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION				
Name and Address of Current Employer				
Position		Work Schedule		
Does your current job or did any of your past jobs require you to perform duties relevant to RIDART?				
EDUCATION/TRAINING/LICENSES				
Please describe your formal education -- the degree(s), relevant certifications, or licenses you hold.				

ANIMAL HANDLING EXPERIENCE

___ DOGS ___ CATS ___ HORSES ___ DONKEYS ___ CATTLE ___ SHEEP ___ GOATS ___ PIGS ___ BIRDS
 ___ REPTILES—TYPE _____ ___ WILDLIFE—TYPE _____ ___ EXOTICS—TYPE _____

Have you ever humanely trapped animals? ___ YES ___ NO If YES, EXPLAIN _____

What previous animal-related experience do you have? Did it include helping animals during a disaster?

VOLUNTEER RESOURCES AVAILABLE DURING A DISASTER

___ CAR--TYPE: _____ ___ TRUCK--TYPE _____ ___ TRAILER--TYPE _____
 ___ BOAT--TYPE _____ ___ CAMPER--TYPE _____ ___ TENT--TYPE _____
 ___ 4-WHEEL VEHICLE--TYPE _____ ___ KENNEL SPACE _____ ___ ANIMAL CAGES—TYPE / # _____ / _____

Are any of the vehicles you might use while volunteering for RIDART insured? ___ YES ___ NO

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy Number _____ Renewal Date _____

What would your availability be during a disaster?

___ MORNING ___ AFTERNOON ___ EVENING ___ WEEKDAYS ___ ANY TIME ___ 1 WEEK ___ 2 WEEKS ___ 3 WEEKS ___ 4 WEEKS

Would you be able to travel at your own expense to disasters in other areas?

DRIVE ___ YES ___ NO FLY ___ YES ___ NO BOAT ___ YES ___ NO

Have you volunteered with other organizations? Please list dates and positions held.

Additional Comments:

WHAT VOLUNTEER POSITION ARE YOU MOST INTERESTED IN? (Please be specific!)

REFERENCES (Please list at least two references that we may contact. Please do not list relatives)

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship
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VOLUNTEER CONSENT

I do hereby give the Rhode Island Disaster Animal Response Team (RIDART) permission to enquire into my education, references, driving record, employment, volunteer history, or police record. I further give permission to the holder of any such records to release the same to RIDART. I hereby hold RIDART harmless of any liability, whether civil or criminal, that may arise as a result of the release of this information about me. I further hold harmless any individual, agency, business, or corporation that provides information or documents to RIDART. I understand that RIDART will use this information as part of its verification of my volunteer application. I further understand that as a RIDART volunteer member, I am not paid for my services.

 Name of Applicant (please print your name)

 Signature of Applicant

 Date



Rhode Island Disaster Animal Response Team CODE OF CONDUCT

Volunteers may participate in RIDART activities only if they pledge to know and abide by following the code of conduct. Supervisors will have the authority to immediately deactivate any RIDART representative for behavior that is contrary to the following:

- Individuals shall report to and remain in contact with the appropriate ICS authority and confine their activities to the stated mission and directives of the Incident Action Plan. RIDART volunteers must agree not to self-deploy.
- Individuals shall identify any assignments that are beyond their capabilities, and notify their supervising authority of this limitation.
- While representing RIDART, volunteers will not advocate or otherwise promote positions – political, religious, organizational, financial, or ideological – that are not in conformity with the official position of RIDART.
- All RIDART volunteers must wear their current identification, preferably a RIDART identification badge, while on site for a disaster response.
- While participating in any RIDART-related activities, volunteers shall project a professional manner and appearance. In particular, the following will not be tolerated:
 - Violation of any laws;
 - Consumption of alcoholic beverages and possession, use or selling of any illegal drugs;
 - Illegal use or display of a firearm.
 - Public outbursts or derogatory remarks about other organizations or individuals;
- Individuals shall observe all safety rules and regulations and shall know and follow instructions for proper use of equipment.
- RIDART members must not use or authorize the use of the name, emblem, endorsement, services, or property of RIDART, except in conformance with RIDART policy. Information that is available solely as a result of the volunteer's affiliation with RIDART is confidential and can be disclosed or used only with the express authorization of RIDART.
- Volunteers must in no way influence the conduct of RIDART so as to confer financial benefit on any person, corporation, or entity in which the individual has a significant interest or affiliation. Individuals shall not accept or seek on behalf of anyone else, any financial advantage or gain, other than the nominal value of affiliation with RIDART.
- Individuals who suspect a conflict of interest (e.g., between a RIDART assignment and their own personal, professional, or financial interest) shall disclose such potential conflict to the RIDART point of contact upon becoming aware of it. The individual shall absent him or herself during deliberations and shall refrain from participating in any decisions or voting in connection with the matter.
- Individuals shall not accept personal gratuities. All offers of donations shall be directed to an officer of RIDART.
- Individuals shall not enter private property to perform RIDART duties without verbal permission from the owner and a supervising authority or without a law-enforcement escort.
- Individuals will be required to document or participate in documentation for each rescue in a timely manner, and submit documentation to a supervising authority.
- Individuals shall transport animals only to facilities that have been designed by the supervising authority.
- Individuals shall refrain from taking photographs of people without their written permission. Any photos that are taken will not be used for public display without the expressed written permission of the owner.
- In situations in which an animal(s) is rescued and transported from a property without prior permission of the animal's owner, the rescuer must leave readily visible, written notification of the removal on the property.

I hereby certify that I have read and understand this RIDART Code of Conduct and agree to comply with it, as well as applicable laws that impact the organization at all times.

Name of RIDART volunteer (please print your name)

Signature

Date:_____