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Putnam Emergency Animal Response Team Seeking Volunteers

Carmel, N.Y. - Putnam County is in the process of developing a countywide plan to respond to the needs of animals, whether they are owned, stray, or domestic, during any event or disaster. Events or emergencies such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, droughts, fire, explosions, building collapse, commercial transportation accidents, chemical spills, or nuclear power plant accidents are among the situations that potentially can cause animal suffering. This community animal response plan will address the need to protect or ensure humane care of livestock and domesticated animals, as well as protect the public's health, the public food supply, and the environment.

As part of this endeavor, Putnam has formed an Emergency Animal Response Team (P.E.A.R.T.) and is currently seeking additional interested volunteers to be involved in the planning process. Though any individual interested in helping animals may volunteer, the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services would especially like to attract to the team:

- Veterinarians, Veterinary Technicians & Assistants
- Animal or Dog Control Officers
- Wildlife Rehabilitators
- Farmers
- Pet Groomers or Dog Trainers

- Emergency Service Personnel
- Cooperative Extension Educators
- 4-H Groups
- Humane Organizations
- Boarding Kennels
- Breed Clubs, Fanciers and Associations
- Horsemen's and Farm and Cattle Associations

Any individuals or associations interested in helping are invited to attend the next planning meeting on Wednesday, September 22, at 7p.m., at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services, 112 Old Route 6, Carmel, N.Y. or call the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services at (845) 808-4000. For more information, please visit www.putnamcountyny.com or www.pcbes.org .

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