

**CLIFTON  
HIGHLANDS  
COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION  
AGM  
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# What is A.L.E.R.T??

## Animal Lifeline Emergency Response Team

Is a team dedicated to animal welfare through the preparation for and the actual evacuation, rescue and shelter of domestic animals and livestock in a disaster. Volunteers are deployed when local and/or provincial authorities request ALERT's expertise. We have been around since the Garnet fire in 1994

ALERT is dedicated to ensuring that during an emergency or disaster people know there is an organization that recognizes their animals are family and their safe evacuation gives way to human evacuation. Their dedication and expertise make them a lifeline for animals and their pet guardians during emergencies.



We are a registered charity, 100% volunteer based, and 100% of our funding comes from donations.

# DID YOU KNOW...

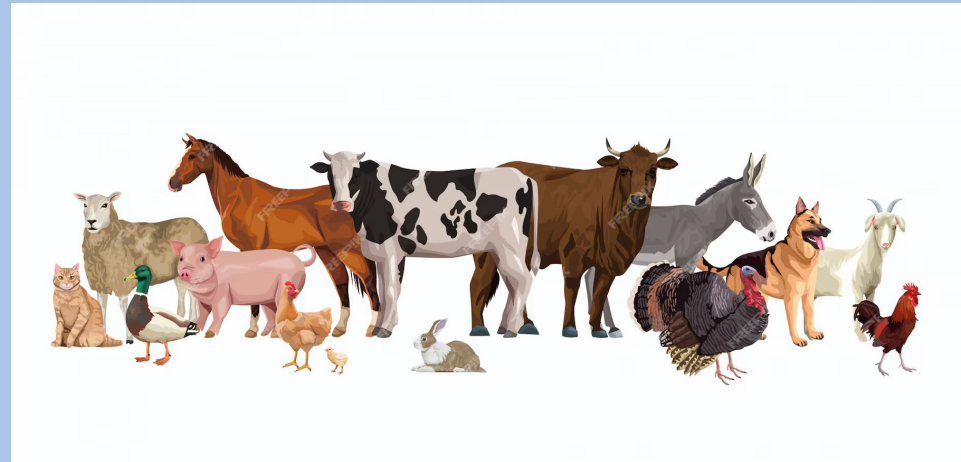
ALERT also assists people to develop evacuation plans for their animals whether it be for wildfires, residential fires, flooding or any other disaster which results in people and their animals having to leave their home.

We assist with either evacuation, trapping, mortality issues, but mostly we do maintenance. When the danger has passed in a particular area (mostly in fire areas) the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) will allow groups like ALERT to go in and maintain such animals like horses, birds, reptiles, or chickens, not usually dogs, but some people like to leave the cat/s or other pets in the house especially once the danger has passed.

The current environment of wildfires and flooding due to drastic weather changes continues to increase demand for services.



# During a disaster... don't forget us



# Know how emergencies work in your area - things to ponder

Do we have a backup plan

Where does my livestock go

Where would I go can I take my pets?

What and where is ESS

Difference between evac alert & order

What pets do you have & how many

Do I have the right equipment to evacuate

Do I have or need a premise ID?

What's our Evacuation route



ANXIETY

**ALERT**



KNOWLEDGE IS POWER








# HOW TO START DEVELOPING YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN

- Start saving data to USB (vet records, photos, vaccine records, list of medication if applicable)
- Chat with neighbours, are there reasons they/or you might need help (senior, disabilities etc.)
- Talk to family and friends about relocating pets or farm animals - know before you go!
- Catalogue animals, photos, type & number, names, special dietary needs, medication needs
- Do you have trailers to haul/move your animals? Ensure they are safe for you and your animals
- If you don't have enough equipment, source it out before disaster strikes
- Develop "Grab & Go" bags for both you and your pets

- If you have never put your pet or animal into a carrier, crate, trailer, **PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!!** This is better for the animal and for our volunteers !



# Go Bags for your pets - items to consider

-  Leash, collar, harness, or muzzle
-  Pet Carrier, dog bed or blanket
-  Pet food and water for at least 3 days
-  Medications - Basic first aid supplies - Vet information
-  Food and Water dishes (Collapsible take up less space)
-  Treats, a favourite toy, a sweater or a towel with your scent on it
-  Photo of your pet, microchip number, vaccination records



# Our Intake facilities in other areas:

*Penticton Animal Intake Facility (PAIF)*



*Proudly in an MOU for both Oliver & Penticton locations*





# Foster Care

**From cats and dogs to hamsters, parrots and horses....**

**ALERT needs foster homes for evacuated animals during the disasters.**

**If your family or business can help by fostering animals, please send an email to [info@alertcanada.org](mailto:info@alertcanada.org). You will be contacted to arrange a time for a home visit. That can include (depending on what you are fostering)**

- **Do you have a secure fenced yard for a dog,**
- **A safe and quiet room for a cat,**
- **A paddock or pasture for a horse with shelter,**
- **Appropriate aquarium for specific species of fish and or reptiles.**



# Day Care:

ALERT supports ESS in any way we can. Once you fill out our Intake form, we will take care of your pets while you register or complete the process with ESS. Easing some of the stress for you and your pet!

# Mortality Team:

Another branch of ALERT is our mortality team. Unfortunately, some animals may parish in the disasters. Loosing a pet can be devastating, especially if you've lost everything else due to the disaster. We feel it is an important step to allowing the family some closure, or to help them to move forward.



# Evacuation



# Maintenance



# Trapping



# Preparation starts long before the disaster...



*EVERYONE WINS WHEN WE ARE PREPARED*

Confidence comes  
from being prepared.

John Wooden

 quote fancy

