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**LOUISA COMMUNITY ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM ENTERS INTO AN
AGREEMENT WITH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**

LOUISA, VIRGINIA – The Louisa Community Animal Response Team has recently become the first animal response team in Virginia to enter into an Emergency Management Assistance Compact agreement with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to become a Statewide Mutual Aid and Nationwide Mutual Aid Response Team.

The Louisa County Animal Response Team is one of only nine “certified” CARTs in the state of Virginia and they diligently maintain a state of preparedness for the sheltering and management of domestic animals in the aftermath of a disaster. LCART has become one of the leading animal response teams in Virginia earning recognition as a State Animal Response Team. As part of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact agreement, LCART will be registered as a Type 1 Small Animal Sheltering Team where they will deploy an emergency companion team to assist other jurisdictions in Virginia for a period of 5-7 days in the event of a disaster or other emergencies.

“I’m very proud of the hard work and dedication Louisa CART members have put into this achievement,” said Donnie Embrey, LCART Leader. “We are very excited to begin this journey.”

Donnie and Rhonda Embrey were recently appointed as Statewide Training Coordinators for the Virginia State Animal Response Team. Their duties include the development of a Statewide Emergency Companion Pet Sheltering Protocol and training of CART Teams, Animal Control Officers, Animal Welfare Groups and others responsible for the care of pets during an emergency.

“The Louisa County Animal Response Team plays an integral part in certain support functions of the County’s Emergency Management,” said Keith Greene, Fire & EMS Chief. “Donnie and Rhonda Embrey have done an outstanding job in volunteering countless hours of their time to bring the LCART to its current standing. The LCART has and is continuing to set standards for Community Animal Response Teams throughout the state. I am very proud of

the LCART's accomplishments and am honored to have had the opportunity to assist in their success. “

To learn more about the Louisa Community Animal Response Team (CART) and membership opportunities, go to www.louisacart.org

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