



Animals in a Disaster Workshop

Purpose: The *Animals in a Disaster Workshop* aims to achieve several crucial goals related to emergency preparedness and response for animals in the Kansas City Metro Area.

Date and Time: February 6, 2026, 0900-1400

Location: Platte County Sheriff Department Auditorium, 11724 NW Plaza Cir, Kansas City, MO 64153

Description: Effective animal management is crucial for a successful disaster response and recovery effort. This workshop is designed for community leaders, emergency responders, animal shelter personnel, and veterinary professionals to develop comprehensive and collaborative plans for managing animals in emergencies.

Key Focus Areas:

- Pre-Disaster Planning and Mitigation
- Emergency Response Operations
- Post-Disaster Recovery and Reunification

Who Should Attend:

- Local Animal Response Teams
- Emergency Managers
- Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians
- Animal Shelters and Humane Societies (e.g., KC Pet Project, Wayside Waifs, Humane Society of Greater Kansas City)

- Law Enforcement and Fire Departments
- Public Health officials
- Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)
- Community Animal Rescue Groups (e.g., [Chewy.com's list of shelters & rescues in the area](#))

Additional Information:

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