What it Means to be a Volunteer Resource for the Sampson County Animal Response Team-Livestock/Horses

The County Animal Response Team (CART) is a group of county government and volunteer resources that work together on different committees to ensure the safety of animals, domestic and livestock in the instance of an emergency. This group meets at least once a year if not more to update the Sampson County CART plan and to receive trainings to better help the county in the instance of an emergency.

During times of disaster, such as hurricanes or tornados, there is an immediate need for volunteers to house and/or move livestock to a safer location. Having volunteers in place in a timely manner is critical.

To be a Volunteer Resource for housing and/or moving livestock:

• Your contact information is needed, along with your capabilities, including species and number of livestock.
• When a need for moving and/or housing livestock arises, a member of the CART will go through the information given to me by you the volunteer and match the need with the resource.
• Once a CART member finds a match, they will contact you to check your availability.
• Once you agree to be available, a CART member will contact the person with the need with your contact information.
• The two of you will work out all responsibilities and agreements.
• The CART member who contacted you will be available as a resource with the understanding that the responsibilities have already been worked out between the volunteer and the person with the need.

It is always the responsibility of the owner to have an emergency plan in place in the event that a disaster/emergency should arise. But, what comes with emergencies is sometimes the unavailability and the lack of resources on a short notice. This is where volunteers come into play to help their neighbors out in a time of crisis. Having a current and complete list of volunteer resources can ensure help is out there when needed. If you wish to be on the list as a Volunteer Resource, please fill out the following form as detailed as possible and return to Lynn Stillwell County CART Coordinator/Livestock Agent.

Contact information: email lynn_stillwell@ncsu.edu, or at 55 Agriculture Place, Clinton, NC 28328 or by phone 910-592-7161.