

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES LIST FOR ANIMAL RESCUE OPERATIONS

SUPPLIES

- Pocket tape recorder and extra tapes
- Collars that can be written on (to record ID numbers and sexes of animals), preferably cardboard encased in plastic (sturdier collars and tags must be applied later)
- Leashes
- Muzzles
- Catch poles
- Gurneys
- Scale
- Gloves (both rubber and bite-prevention)
- Flashlights
- Folding tables (for veterinary exams)
- Airline carriers (or other strong but lightweight cages for transporting animals)
- Blankets, towels for various uses including covering cages to reduce stress in animals
- Resealable bags for gathering evidence (food samples, *etc.*)
- Emergency medical supplies (from veterinarians)
- First-aid kit for humans
- Surgical/dust masks
- Tubes of mentholated ointment, extract of clove, or extract of spearmint (which can be applied to rescuers' surgical masks or around their nostrils to make strong odors less bothersome)
- Body bags for dead animals found on-site or for those who may have to be euthanized on-site
- Plain, carbon, and lined paper
- Clip boards (and plastic coverings in case of rain)
- Large supply of pens and thick felt-tip markers
- Adhesive tape to use for labeling evidence, marking on carriers, *etc.*
- Camcorder, Polaroid camera, 35mm camera, and film (200 asa speed works well in most lighting conditions for 35mm cameras)
- Portable lights
- Back-up camera lights, batteries

FORMS AND OTHER ESSENTIALS

- Search warrant or other form authorizing your presence on the property of the person being charged
- Lined pad (or prepared form) for ID listing. Information recorded for each animal should include medical condition, brief description, ID number assigned at time of rescue, and destination (for those situations where many animals are being sent to various shelters or other holding facilities until a legal determination about the animals can be made)
- Agreement form for those responsible for foster care
- Veterinarian evaluation form to record each animal's condition
- Euthanasia authorizations
 - For veterinarian's signature
 - For animal owner's signature (for use in those rare cases in which owner voluntarily gives permission for euthanasia of some of his or her animals)
- List of important phone numbers