Basic Animal Rescue Training (BART) was established by veterinarian Dr. Janet Olsen in December 2004, in response to the tragic loss of a pet in a house fire in New Brighton, Minnesota. The burning home belonged to a firefighter and his 13-year-old German Short-haired Pointer named Bart, who was trapped inside. The department extinguished the fire and located Bart, who was unresponsive. Because the firefighters did not have the knowledge base or equipment to help Bart, he died.

ATTENTION! FIRST RESPONDERS!

Training is available statewide at a location of your choice.

Maximum number of participants is 30 per training session.

BART is a Department of Homeland Security (DHS)-approved course that empowers emergency personnel with the training, knowledge, and equipment necessary to safely and effectively address the needs of animals encountered in emergency situations, in order to preserve human health, safety, and well-being. BART fulfills the requirements of the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards (PETS) Act enacted by Congress in 2006.

This one-day workshop includes four modules – one or more includes live animals:

- Awareness, Resources, and Learning Concepts
- Evacuation: Handling and Restraint
- Patient Assessment and First Aid
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

Who should attend

First responders (police, fire and rescue, EMTs/ambulance service personnel, animal control officers)

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