



## ANIMAL SHELTERING TEAM - COHABITATED SHELTER

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The Animal Sheltering Team - Cohabitated Shelter manages the oversight, setup, operations, communication, and demobilization of a temporary animal shelter. The team provides a safe and protected environment for displaced animal populations and meets their basic needs.
<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Animal Emergency Response
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Team
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	<p>This team:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establishes and manages a temporary shelter for the safe and humane handling, care/husbandry, and housing of one of the following animal populations:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Companion animals, including pets, service animals, and assistance animals</li> <li>b. Livestock, including food or fiber animals and domesticated equine species</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Meets animals' basic welfare needs</li> <li>3. Ensures proper animal identification, tracking, reunification, and reporting</li> <li>4. Coordinates with incident command; coordinates all facets of the animal response and intersecting components of the human response</li> <li>5. Maintains safety, biosecurity, and sanitation of the facility and equipment</li> <li>6. Provides appropriate security</li> </ol>
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discuss logistics for deploying this team, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> <li>2. Requestor may order any combination of Veterinarian, Veterinary Assistant, and Veterinary Medical Team to support this team's activities, if necessary</li> <li>3. Requestor may order a Shelter Facilities Support Team Leader to support shelter operations, if necessary</li> <li>4. Cohabitated shelters place animals and owners in the same space</li> <li>5. Animal owners provide primary care for their own animals with their own supplies, which the sheltering entity may supplement if necessary and if available</li> <li>6. Requestor considers sheltering requirements for animals that are not medically or behaviorally suited for congregate sheltering</li> <li>7. Requestor considers species-specific management needs</li> </ol>

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
<b>MINIMUM PERSONNEL PER TEAM</b>	10	7	5	4	Not Specified

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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
<b>MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM</b>	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 Animal Emergency Response Team Leader 1 - Administrative Support	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 1 - NIMS Type 1 Animal Emergency Response Team Leader	Same as Type 4, PLUS: 1 - NIMS Type 2 Animal Emergency Response Shelter Manager	1 - NIMS Type 1 Animal Emergency Response Team Leader	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Order one or more NIMS Type 1 Animal Emergency Response Shelter Manager if shelter planning, site selection, design, and setup are necessary to establish shelter.</li> <li>Animal Emergency Response Team Leaders provide technical expertise for operations, planning, logistics, safety, finance, and administration of shelter operations.</li> <li>Order additional Animal Emergency Response Team Leaders as appropriate based on scope and scale of shelter operations.</li> <li>The Administrative Support position is not a NIMS typed position.</li> </ol>
<b>SHELTERING SUPPORT PER TEAM</b>	Sheltering Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1 - NIMS Type 2 Animal Intake and Reunification Specialist	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 1 - NIMS Type 2 Animal Intake and Reunification Specialist	Same as Type 4	2 - NIMS Type 1 Animal Care and Handling Specialist 1 - NIMS Type 2 Animal Intake and Reunification Specialist	Order additional Animal Care and Handling Specialists and Animal Intake and Reunification Specialists as appropriate based on scope and scale of shelter operations; for example: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To help with animal intake as shelter opens</li> <li>If operating hours exceed 12 hours per day</li> <li>If number of animals in shelter exceeds 500</li> <li>If shelter includes both animals that owners care for and animals that are unattended</li> </ol>
<b>SHELTERING CAPACITY PER TEAM</b>	Up to 500 animals	Up to 300 animals	Same as Type 4	Up to 100 animals	Not Specified
<b>SHELTERING LOCATION PER TEAM</b>	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	A self-contained temporary shelter	Supplemental staff to support an established shelter	Not Specified



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<b>SHELTERING EQUIPMENT PER TEAM</b>	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Requestor provides or obtains shelter kit appropriate for animal population served; kit may include: 1. Cages, crates, and other containment equipment 2. Collars, leashes, halters, lead ropes, lariat ropes 3. Animal ID supplies, such as collar tags 4. Muzzles 5. Food 6. Potable water 7. Bowls 8. Litter boxes 9. Litter 10. Cleaning and disinfecting supplies 11. Microchips/scanners 12. Vaccines 13. Animal intake forms	Not Specified	1. Team procures consumable animal supplies (food, litter, and so on) continually while shelter remains in operation. 2. Requestor specifies additional necessary equipment, including laptop computers, digital cameras, universal microchip scanners, intake forms, or identification collars.
<b>PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) EQUIPMENT PER TEAM MEMBER</b>	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	PPE is mission specific and may vary by work environment; it includes: 1. Protective footwear 2. Protective clothing for skin exposure 3. Eye and ear protection 4. Gloves 5. Mask	The following regulation addresses PPE: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.132: Personal Protective Equipment.
<b>COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM</b>	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	1. Two-way portable radio 2. Cell phone	Not Specified



## NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

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## REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Veterinary Medical Team
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Animal Emergency Response Shelter Manager
3. FEMA, NIMS 509: Animal Emergency Response Team Leader
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: Animal Care and Handling Specialist
5. FEMA, NIMS 509: Animal Intake and Reunification Specialist
6. FEMA, NIMS 509: Shelter Facilities Support Team Leader
7. FEMA, NIMS 509: Veterinarian
8. FEMA, NIMS 509: Veterinary Assistant
9. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
10. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.132: Personal Protective Equipment, latest edition adopted
11. National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs (NASAAEP) Emergency Animal Sheltering Best Practices, September 2014