

## ANIMAL SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

DESCRIPTION	The Animal Search and Rescue Team locates, stabilizes, extricates, and evacuates animals in a disaster environment		
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Animal Emergency Response	RESOURCE KIND	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION	<p>This team:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinates and collaborates with other animal emergency response teams, as necessary</li> <li>Coordinates and plans animal search and rescue efforts</li> <li>Locates, captures, and contains displaced animals within the disaster zone</li> <li>Prepares animals for transport</li> <li>Identifies animals, documents rescue location, and records other relevant data to facilitate reunification with owners</li> <li>Coordinates live trapping and chemical capture as necessary</li> <li>Triages rescued animals for appropriate transport methods to prevent disease and mitigate medical and behavioral issues</li> <li>Performs the above duties for one or more of the following populations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Companion animals, including pets, service animals, and assistance animals</li> <li>Livestock, including food or fiber animals and domesticated equine species</li> <li>Wildlife, captive wildlife, or zoo animals</li> <li>Laboratory animals</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss logistics for deploying this team, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> <li>This team typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days</li> <li>Discuss provision/acquisition of necessary supplies and equipment, such as restraint/control and capture equipment</li> <li>Requestor specifies competency areas necessary based on animal population</li> <li>Requestor orders additional Animal Search and Rescue Technician(s), Animal Control/Humane Officer(s), or Animal Care and Handling Specialist(s) to increase team capacity based on incident</li> <li>Requestor makes provisions for veterinary care based on mission requirements</li> </ol>

RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	NO TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Personnel	Per Team	Management and Oversight	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 4 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 Animal Emergency Response Team Leader who is also a certified NIMS Type 3 Animal Search and Rescue Technician	1 - NIMS Type 1 Animal Emergency Response Team Leader who is also a certified NIMS Type 3 Animal Search and Rescue Technician	Not Specified	Not Applicable
			<b>NOTES:</b> For Type 3 teams, any team member having completed ICS 300 may function as team leader, or the existing chain of command provides management and oversight at the requestor's discretion.			

RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	NO TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Equipment	Per Team Member	Communications	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	1. Two-way portable radio 2. Cell phone	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Personnel	Per Team	Minimum	26	8	4	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Personnel	Per Team	Support	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 4 - NIMS Type 1 Animal Search and Rescue Technician 9 - NIMS Type 2 or Type 3 Animal Search and Rescue Technician 1 - NIMS Type 2 Veterinarian	7 - NIMS Type 2 Animal Search and Rescue Technician	1 - NIMS Type 3 Animal Search and Rescue Technician 3 - NIMS Type 2 Animal Care and Handling Specialist, NIMS Type 1 Animal Control/Humane Officer, or NIMS Type 3 Animal Search and Rescue Technician	Not Applicable
			NOTES: 1. A NIMS Type 2 Animal Care and Handling Specialist or NIMS Type 1 Animal Control/Humane Officer can replace a NIMS Type 3 Animal Search and Rescue Technician only on a Type 3 team. 2. Type 1 teams typically split into four subordinate teams.			
Capability	Per Team	Search and Rescue	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Can execute advanced rescue operations, such as high- and low-angle and swiftwater rescue	Same as Type 3, PLUS: Can perform water-based rescue and can use land- and water-based navigation technology to locate and geo-reference displaced animals	Land-based search and rescue only	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Capacity	Per Team	Search and Rescue	Responds to multiple jurisdictions, with multiple geographic areas, and manages approximately 50 companion animals or 25 livestock per 12-hour shift; may provide overall management and coordination remotely	Responds to a single jurisdiction with multiple geographic areas (or a single large, complex site) and manages approximately 24 animals per 12-hour shift	Responds to a single jurisdiction, manages a single area, and manages approximately 12 animals per 12-hour shift	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Requestor may order additional single resources to augment team if necessary, based on number of animals.			

RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	NO TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Equipment	Per Team	Electronic	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Systems to input and transmit animal data to Animal Evacuation, Transport, and Re-Entry Team and Animal Sheltering Teams	Same as Type 3, PLUS: GPS	Digital cameras	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Equipment	Per Team	Animal Handling	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Animal capture and handling equipment specific to the population served	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Equipment	Per Team Member	Personal Protection Equipment	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	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. Respirators 5. Gloves 6. Masks 7. Protective headgear	Not Applicable
			NOTES: The following regulation addresses PPE: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.132: Personal Protective Equipment.			

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## REFERENCES

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1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Animal Evacuation, Transport, and Re-entry Team
2. FEMA, NIMS 508: Animal Sheltering Team – Animal-Only Shelter
3. FEMA, NIMS 508: Animal Sheltering Team – Cohabitated Shelter
4. FEMA, NIMS 508: Animal Sheltering Team – Collocated Shelter
5. FEMA, NIMS 508: Veterinary Medical Team
6. FEMA, NIMS 509: Animal Care and Handling Specialist
7. FEMA, NIMS 509: Animal Control/Humane Officer
8. FEMA, NIMS 509: Animal Emergency Response Team Leader
9. FEMA, NIMS 509: Animal Search and Rescue Technician
10. FEMA, NIMS 509: Veterinarian
11. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.132: Personal Protective Equipment, latest edition adopted
12. National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs (NASAAEP) Best Practices for Animal Search and Rescue Training, latest published edition

## NOTES

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

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