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Local Rescue Groups Offer Town Hall Meeting for Disaster Preparedness for Animals

Napa, Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch (JARR) and the Napa Community Animal Response Team (Napa CART) have joined forces with city officials to offer a town hall and presentation on how to better protect animals in the event of a natural disaster. The October wildfires in Northern California will not soon be forgotten.

Since the disaster, Napa County officials, Napa CART and JARR, along with several animal rescue organizations in Napa Valley have been debriefing and evaluating the disaster response in the context of this "new normal" of increasingly intense and large scale wildfire. Much of the evaluation has focused on improving the outcome for animals in future disasters through better preparedness of individual animal owners and their animals.

On April 11, Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch and Napa CART will present a free community meeting highlighting aspects of individual disaster planning and preparedness that can help provide a better outcome for animals.

Speaking at this meeting will be President and Founder, Napa CART Dr Claudia Sonder, Napa County Office of Emergency Services Coordinator, Kevin Twohey, Napa Valley College Chief of Police, Ken Arnold and JARR Co-Founder, Monica Stevens.

"We all learned a great deal during the horrific wildfires in October, our community came together in the most amazing way," said JARR Co-Founder, Monica Stevens, "but with natural disasters seemingly becoming harsher and more prevalent we must be better prepared for the sake of the animals we cherish."

"We have learned a great deal from the Valley Fire and the Wine Country fires and have updated our Disaster Preparedness plans for animals in the valley, "said Dr Sonder, president and founder NapaCART, "There are individual preparedness tips that can make the difference between life and death, and we would like to share this information with the community as a whole. If you have animals, this presentation will be worth your while."

WHEN: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 WHERE: Culinary Institute of American at Copia (Theater, 500 1st St., Napa TIME: 6:30pm (doors open 6 pm)

The event is free. To reserve your seat please call 707.927.3536 or email <u>helpinganimals@jamesonrescueranch.org</u>

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