



NORTH CAROLINA
**STATE ANIMAL
RESPONSE TEAM, Inc.**
2004 Annual Report

Letter from the Director

Organizations are sometimes compared to young children. When they are formed, everything around them is new and exciting. Each new accomplishment is rewarded, and even mistakes are forgiven as part of the learning process. After a few years, organizations become like toddlers. They develop new skills and extend their reach into the world. Yet expectations become higher as well, like teaching children good manners. SART the organization will be three years old this year. We have achieved a lot in only three years, but like the toddler expectations of us are also higher. We are expected to maintain a readiness for disaster response here in North Carolina while also sharing our knowledge with other states that are hungry for SART programs. 2004 was a balancing act between these two very large responsibilities, and I expect the same will hold in the coming year. As we enter 2005, SART will continue to address local needs including training and technical assistance to CARTs, developing county plans, forging relationships with new partners and increasing public awareness, as well our national commitment to support SART-like programs in other states. These are large challenges for an organization that is "just learning to walk." However, I am confident that working together we will succeed and SART will be ready when, not if, we are faced with the next animal emergency. Thank you to the many volunteers who made SART successful this past year and the companies and organizations that supported our work.

Larry Trachtman
Executive Director

The State Animal Response Team

The State Animal Response Team (SART) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, started in 1999 in the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd. SART was formally incorporated in 2002 under the leadership of founders Drs. Kelli Ferris, Jim Hamilton, Tom McGinn and Ed Jones.

SART operates in conjunction with the North Carolina Emergency Management office during a national or state emergency and brings together appropriate organizations to facilitate a safe, environmentally sound and efficient response to animal emergencies on the local, county and state level.

At the state level, SART is based on the principles of the Incident Command System (ICS) developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). At the county and local levels, private sector volunteers and community-based veterinarians along with government agencies work together to develop a county disaster plan for the County Animal Response Teams (CARTs).

SART has established partnerships with over 40 public and private organizations representing government, private industry, veterinarians, corporations, other nonprofits and concerned citizen groups statewide to better respond to animal emergencies.

*Providing prevention, response and
recovery for animal emergencies.*

Mission Statement

Letter from the Chair

This past year for SART was one of significant progress, challenge, opportunity and change. As the year ends, are we farther ahead than where we started? I hope we can agree that we are farther ahead!

I assumed the Chair position following the departure of Dr. Harry Snelson, who took a national leadership role with the swine industry in Washington, DC. Dr. Snelson's departure was a loss for us, but we still maintain contact as we work toward a National SART agenda. Amanda Mullen, who was SART's outstanding interim director, left in July for career opportunities at Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine. We recruited and filled the executive director position, and Larry Trachtman joined SART in August. Also this year, Ms. Patricia Cheure stepped down as our development officer. Patricia did an excellent job, and we are now pleased to have Ms. Virginia Yopp in the development position.

During the summer, Mr. Larry Wooten, North Carolina Farm Bureau President, made a generous offer to relocate SART from temporary space at the College of Veterinary Medicine to the Farm Bureau in Raleigh. This has been a great asset to SART, including the location, availability of meeting and conference space, and having SART Vice-Chair Chester Lowder also at the Farm Bureau. Our new office, along with the continuity provided by Larry Trachtman, has enabled SART to become a more stable organization.

The development of national SART continues. With the great work by Jodi Jackson of Capstrat, we exceeded expectations under the USDA-APHIS funding to help establish SART programs in other states. A highly successful National SART Summit was held in Raleigh in



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2004 SART Accomplishments

- Awarded a \$250,000 grant from USDA for a National Training Initiative. Under the grant five state summits were held and a National Steering Committee convened in Raleigh. We worked with 18 other states in various stages of SART implementation.
- Supported the CARTs to microchip almost 250 animals across the state in cooperation with AKC-CAR and Schering-Plough Animal Health.
- Trained over 100 SART/CART volunteers on such topics as sheltering, deployment, EM 2000, ICS 100 and Hazardous Materials Awareness. SART training was supported in part by the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association.
- Held a "Zoo Day" training on exotic animals for 50 volunteers in cooperation with the NC Zoological Park in Asheboro.
- Responded to several storm related requests in 2004, including an animal shelter evacuation in Hendersonville during Hurricane Frances and moving supplies to the North Carolina coast.
- Developed and launched a new website, **www.sartusa.org**; SART can now accept on-line donations.
- Hired a new executive director and relocated the SART office to the NC Farm Bureau in Raleigh.

September. The steering committee crafted initiatives to make the national SART program even more effective. A national SART website (www.sartusa.org) is proving to be a very valuable and effective tool. In November, the contract funded by USDA-APHIS with Capstrat ended, and the national SART development resides in the SART office with the executive director.

The year was also active with several natural disasters in the form of hurricanes. However, they didn't track through traditional "down-east" hurricane country, but the impact was felt in North Carolina's mountains. SART played a critical and highly successful role in the efforts surrounding those events. In addition, some SART volunteers traveled to Florida to help in the aftermath of its serious hurricanes.

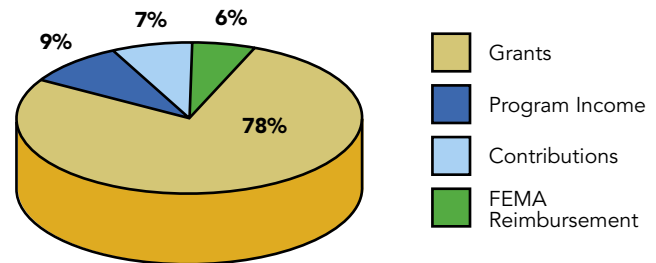
The greatest challenges facing SART continue to be sound funding, and serving the critical needs of all customers, whether food, recreation or companion animals. As we begin 2005, we are looking at ways to fund the development of a substantial strategic plan to address those concerns. I want to thank all those who helped me in this transition year, and to salute the dedication and passion of the hundreds of volunteers who make SART the unique and valued organization it has become!

Leonard S. Bull
 Chair

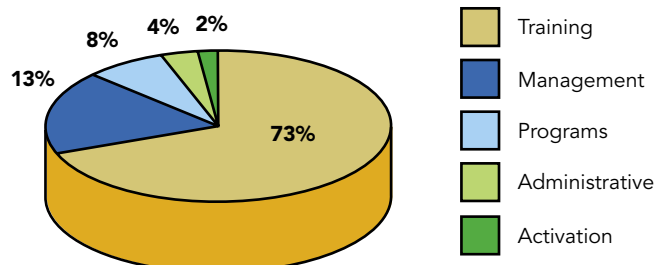
SART is the recognized national expert in state animal response.

Vision Statement

SART Revenue 2004 - (Total Income \$271,967)



SART Expenses 2004





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SART wishes to thank the many organizations and individuals that provide in-kind contributions during the year. A special thank you is extended to the NC State University College of Veterinary Medicine and the North Carolina Farm Bureau for donating in-kind space for SART's office.

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\$10,000 +

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\$5,000 - \$9,999

NC Veterinary Medical Association

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\$1- \$99

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\$500 - \$999

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