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Triage and Intake Paperwork Planner

Highly organized office manager or administrative assistant to sit on the NMART Committee and provide technical assistance in the establishment of policies and procedures for the Triage and Intake Paperwork Supervisor at each of the five emergency facilities. The primary responsibilities of the Triage and Intake Paperwork Supervisor will be to:

- In charge of checking in animals and people with their animals
- Coordinate the generation of appropriate documentation for all animals being examined by the NMART team. Complete the intake forms and provide staff with all other needed forms
- Assign each animal a ID number and cage
- Check for a microchip on any stray animals

Volunteer Requirements and Training:

Rabies vaccinated (anyone directly handling animals) – All Volunteers are required to:

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Medical Care Planner

Medical care providers can be Veterinary Students, Veterinary technicians (CVTs and non-CVT), or Veterinary technician students. (Must have a rabies vaccine) As a member of the NMART Committee, volunteer will be responsible for assisting in the creation of policies and procedures related to the day to day medical care or animals in each of the five emergency facilities. The primary responsibilities of the Medical Care Planner will be to:

- Provide medical care and medications under the supervision of a veterinarian
- Give vaccines under the supervision of a veterinarian

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Experienced Animal Handling Planner

Can be Veterinary Students, Veterinary technicians (CVTs and non-CVT), or Veterinary technician students. (Must have a rabies vaccine) As a member of the NMART Committee, volunteer will be responsible for assisting in the creation of policies and procedures related to the day to day handling of animals in each of the five emergency facilities. The primary responsibilities of the Experienced Animal Handlers will be in the:

- Direct care of animals
- Decontamination/bathing of animals
- Walk animals
- Keep records on animals urination and defecation
- Feed animals
- Water
- Clean cages
- Move animals from cage to cage as needed

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Volunteer Coordinating Planner

Highly organized, energetic volunteer to assist in the policies and procedures related to the registering volunteers and assigning them duties. Planning will include policies and procedures related to "Walk-on Volunteers," registration, temporary volunteer form on site and the assigning of volunteers based on experience and vaccination status assigning to positions in one of Newton's five emergency animal shelters.

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