Become an ASPCA Field Investigations & Response Team Volunteer

Together we can SAVE MORE LIVES
Your Presenters

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Mission

Bringing vital skill sets to rescue animals from life-threatening situations throughout the country and provide them with the essential care they need.
Field Investigations & Response (FIR)
COMPONENTS OF AN OPERATION

Field Rescue

Sheltering

Placement and Transport
ASPCA Main FIR Deployments 2012–2014
RESPONDER ROLES
FIR RESPONDERS

- Daily Care
- Animal Medical Teams
- Animal Handlers
- Investigations
- Logistics
- Safety Officer
- Admin Support
- Technical Rescue

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WHAT TO EXPECT?
FLEXIBILITY IS A MUST

Long Hours

Harsh Environment

Sparse Accommodations

Physical Demands

Mental and Emotional Demands
Networking

Hands on Experience & Training

ASPCA Best Practices

Life Changing Experience
TYPES OF DEPLOYMENTS
Disasters

- Floods
- Hurricanes
- Tornados
- Earthquakes
- Wildfires
- Disease Outbreaks
Cruelty

• Puppy Mills
• Hoarders
• Animal fighting
• Other Cruelty/Neglect
PROCESS

Walk Through → Medical Triage → Animal Intake and Removal → Exams

Transport → Shelter Admission → Physical Exams → Daily Care and Treatment

Behavior Evaluations → Final Disposition
CASE REVIEW: BRONX DOG FIGHTING OP

Overview

Seizure & Evidence Collection

Temporary Shelter: Medical, Daily Care, Behavioral Enrichment

Outcomes

Placement Success Stories

Criminal Case Update

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CASE REVIEW: OVERVIEW

Collaboration
- ASPCA
- NYPD
- Bronx Prosecutor’s Office

Investigation
- NYPD undercover
- 18 months
- ASPCA expert support

Seizure
- Months of planning
- June 21, 2012
- ASPCA full range of services

Legal
- Bronx Vice Squad
- Elizabeth Brandler, Esq
CASE REVIEW: CONCOURSE, BX
CASE REVIEW: SEIZURE & EVIDENCE COLLECTION

- Remote Camera
- Machete
- Sound Speakers
CASE REVIEW: CRIME SCENE

The Environment
- Dark basement with poor ventilation
- Confined
- Only taken out to train or fight
- Ammonia levels

The Dogs
- 54 dogs: puppies and adults
- Covered in fresh wounds and old scars
- Some with massive trauma
Evidence Collection

Forensic Analysis

Safe and Humane Removal
CASE REVIEW: FIGHTING PIT

- Wires for electrocution
- Fan
- Wood planks
CASE REVIEW: FORENSIC ANALYSIS
CASE REVIEW: TEMPORARY SHELTER

Forensic Exams

- Add to body of evidence
- Scars
- Customized treatment plans
Daily Care
118 Responders over 88 days

Enrichment
Walks, toys and agility

Medical
High quality diagnostics and treatment
CASE REVIEW: BEHAVIOR EVALUATIONS

- Starter Dogs, 18
- Euthanasia, 25
- Needs Extensive Rehab, 6
- Needs Attention, 5
CASE REVIEW: PLACEMENT

Placement with Response Partners

- St. Hubert’s - 10
- Columbia Greene - 8
- Charles Henderson Rescue - 4
- ASPCA Adoption Center - 3
- ARL New Hampshire - 2
- Glen Wild Animal Rescue - 2
- The Animal Support Project - 1
- Detection Dog School - 1
- South Hampton - 1
CASE REVIEW: CASE UPDATE

- 67 counts: 50 misdemeanors, 17 felonies
- Sentenced to 1-3 years
- Served 1 year
- Forfeited $5,000
RESPONDER APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEPLOYMENT LOGISTICS
SIGNING UP AND DEPLOYING WITH FIR

Simple application process to learn about you and match your skills with the best role.

ASPCA Webinars & FEMA Training to prepare you before you deploy

Coordination & Communication

On the ground orientation & training

Support
WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SIGN UP?

Acceptance and Deployment is Not Guaranteed

- 4-6 Week Application Processing
- If approved, you will be added to our Volunteer Database
- Active Volunteers Receive Email Notifications
- Availability Surveys and Opportunities to Volunteer
- Selection for Volunteer Deployment

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HOW DO RESPONDERS GET SELECTED

Responder Skill Set

Operational Needs

Qualifications

Roles/Tasks

Availability

Where

When

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WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I AM SELECTED?

- Responder Guide
- Meals
- Reimbursement
- Important Contacts
- Lodging
- Sharing Your Experience
- Expectations
- Air & Ground Travel
- Signing Up Again
SIGN UP NOW!

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