

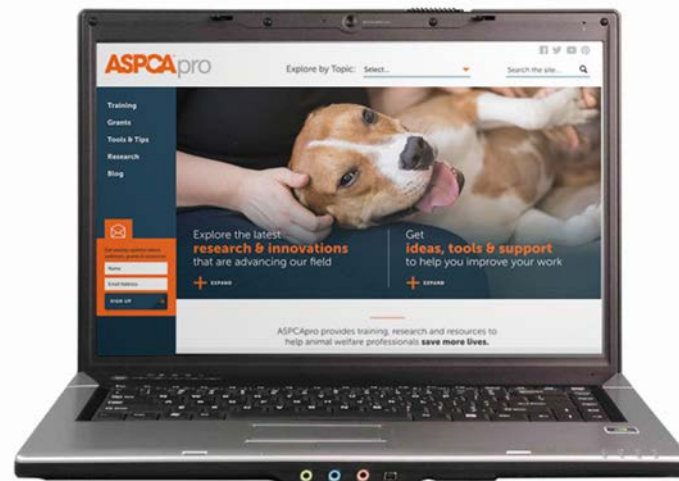
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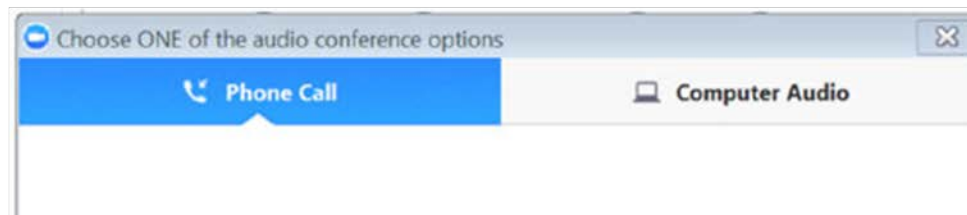
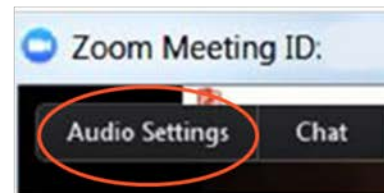
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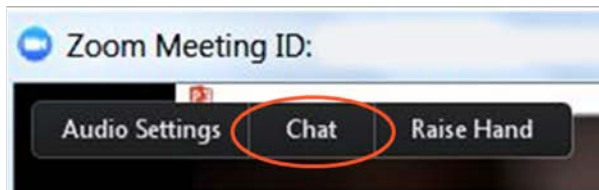


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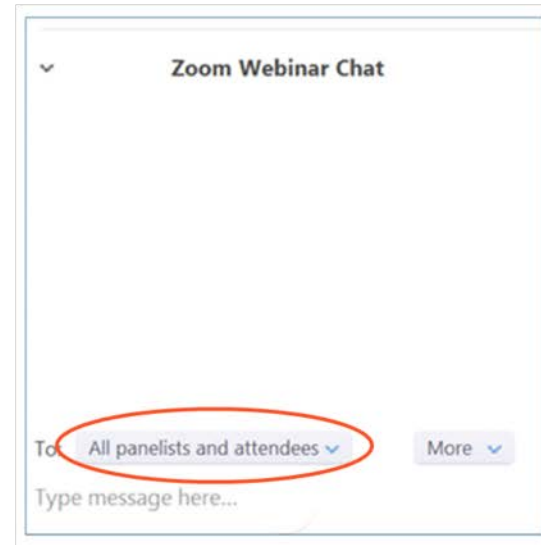
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Dick Green, EdD Senior Director,
ASPCA Disaster Response

Homeland Security Presidential Directives

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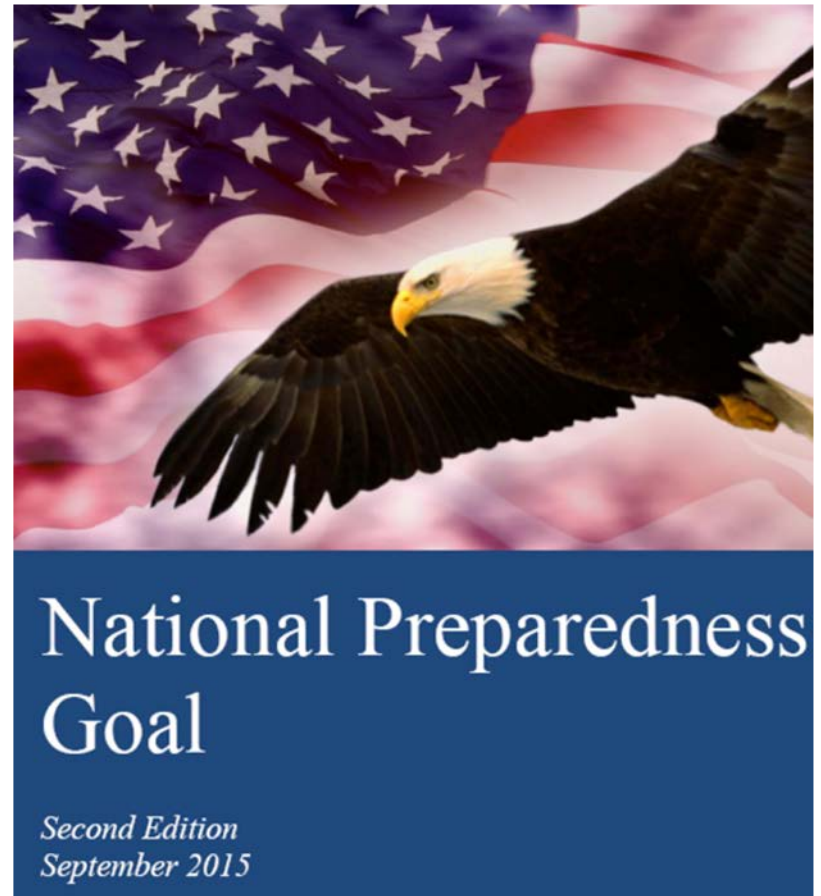
National Preparedness

Mandates

- National Preparedness Goal
- National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- National Response Framework (NRF)

National Preparedness Goal

“A secure and resilient nation with the capabilities required *across the whole community* to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk.”



FEMA: National Response Framework

- Created in 1979 and given the authority to provide for all disasters regardless of cause
- Incorporated elements of ICS into a federal emergency management plan referred to as the National Response Framework
- NRF provides context for how the *whole community* works together and how response efforts relate to other parts of national preparedness



More Resources – Enhanced Capabilities

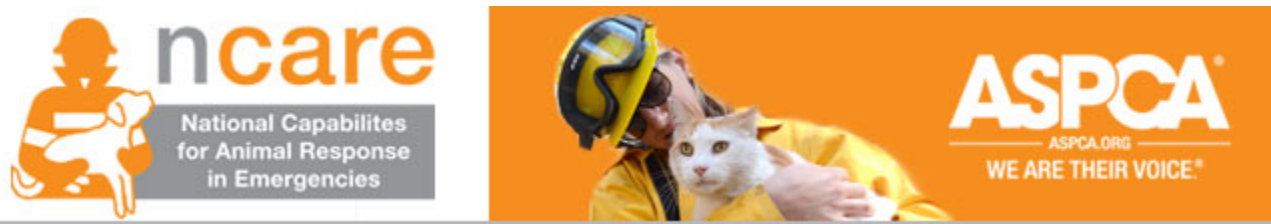
- Resources doesn't necessarily equate to capabilities
- Large pool of responders
- Relevant experience or training
- Availability
- Equipment and Supplies
- Retention



2015 ASPCA Capabilities Project

- Develop a survey to determine local, state, and national resources and capabilities
- Develop a Community Assessment Tool for determining level of readiness
- In priority communities, perform a Needs Assessment
- Facilitate a 1-2 year Improvement Plan



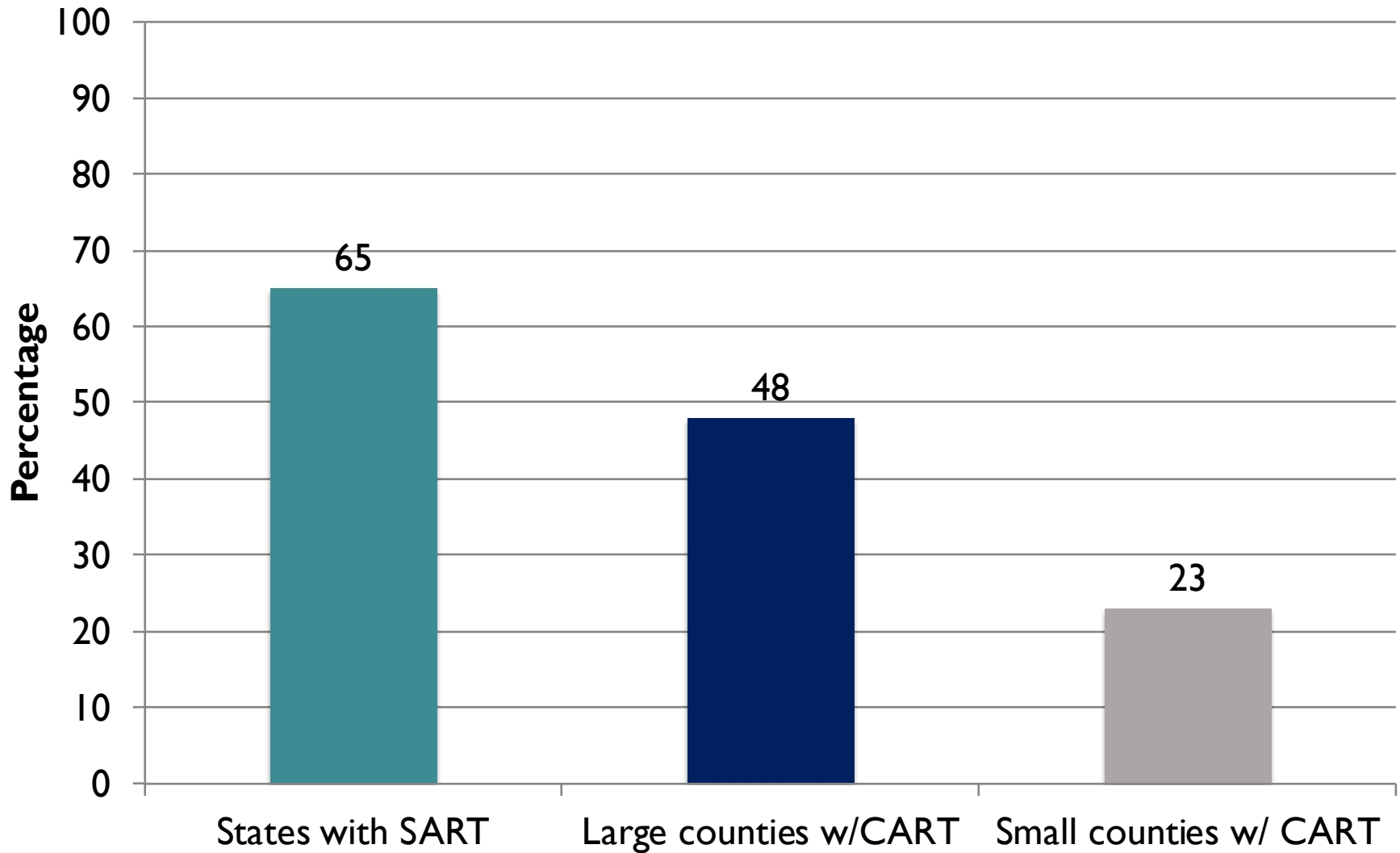


- Phase 1: States - September, 2015
 - Sent to state emergency management directors
 - Encouraged to forward to appropriate agency
 - Telephone follow-up to assist with completion
 - 49 states completed (98%)
- Phase 2: Counties – November, 2015
 - Over 1M - 33 counties (67%)
 - Sample of 25% of remaining counties – 565 (74%)

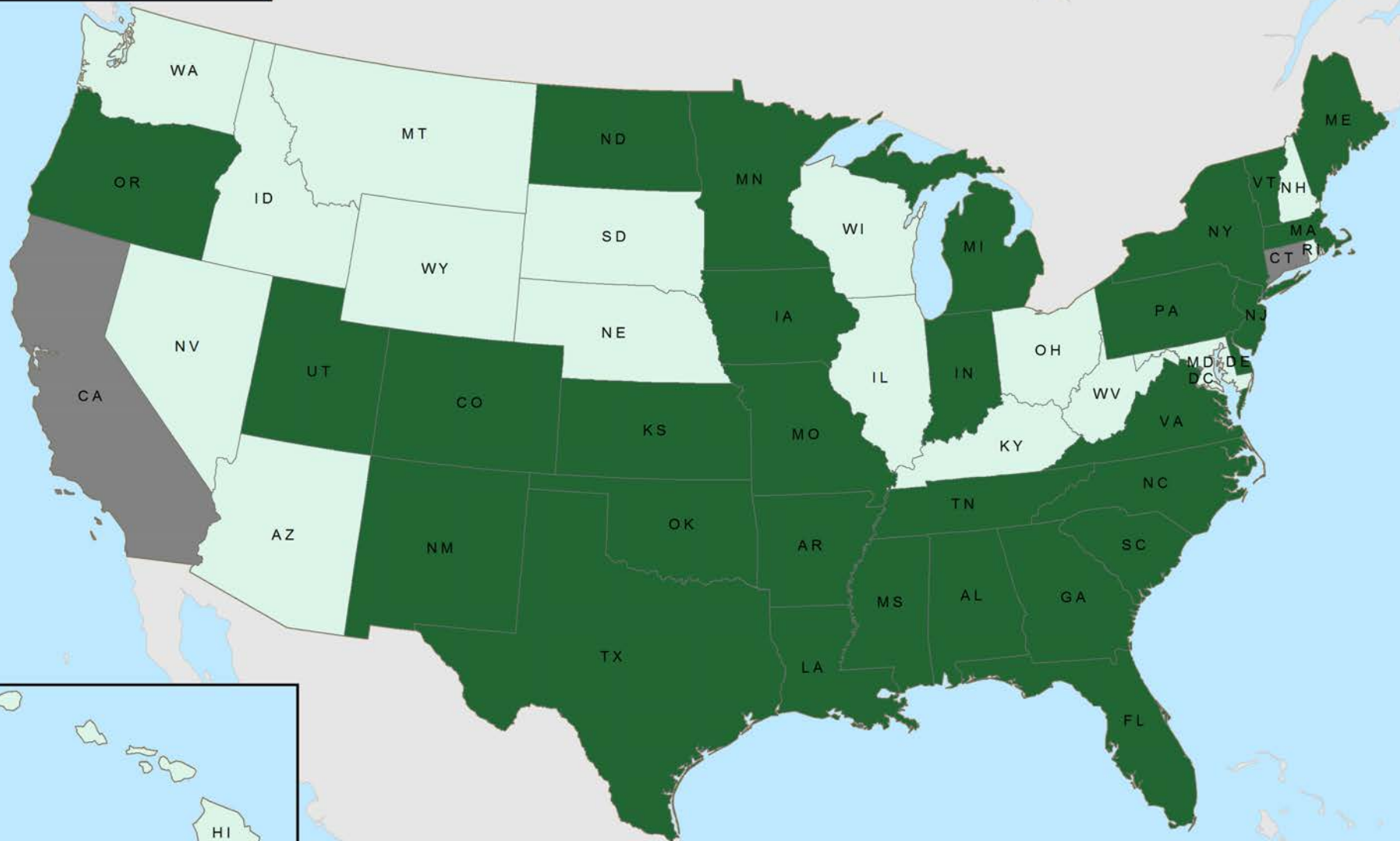
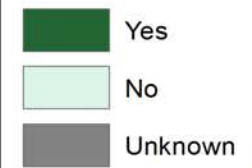
Focus on three measures

- Organization and infrastructure
 - Animal Response Teams (SART, CART)
- Level of coordination
 - Veterinary groups, livestock industry, universities, and animal shelters
- Caches of equipment and supplies
 - Small and large animal
 - Shareable resources

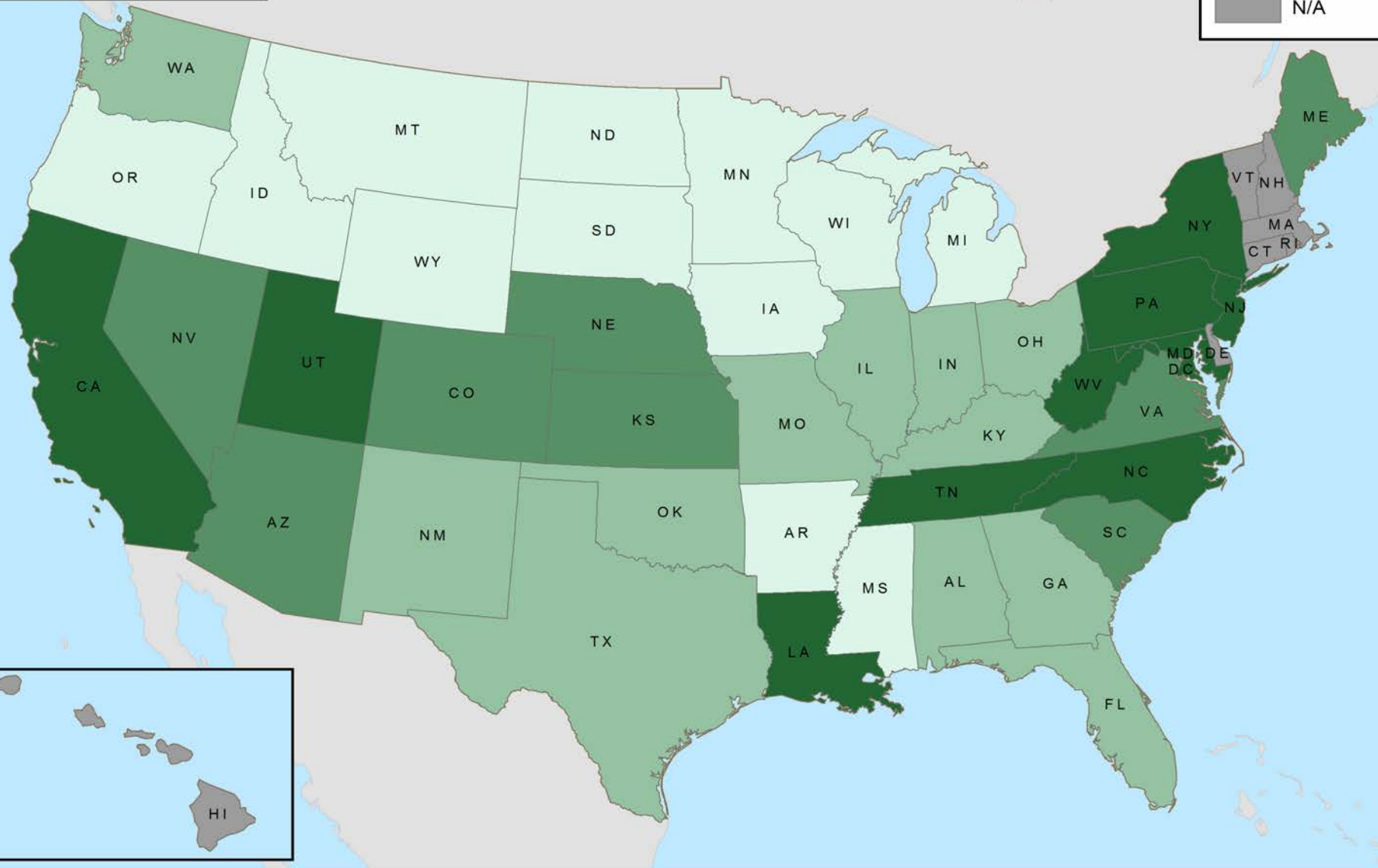
Infrastructure: SART and CART



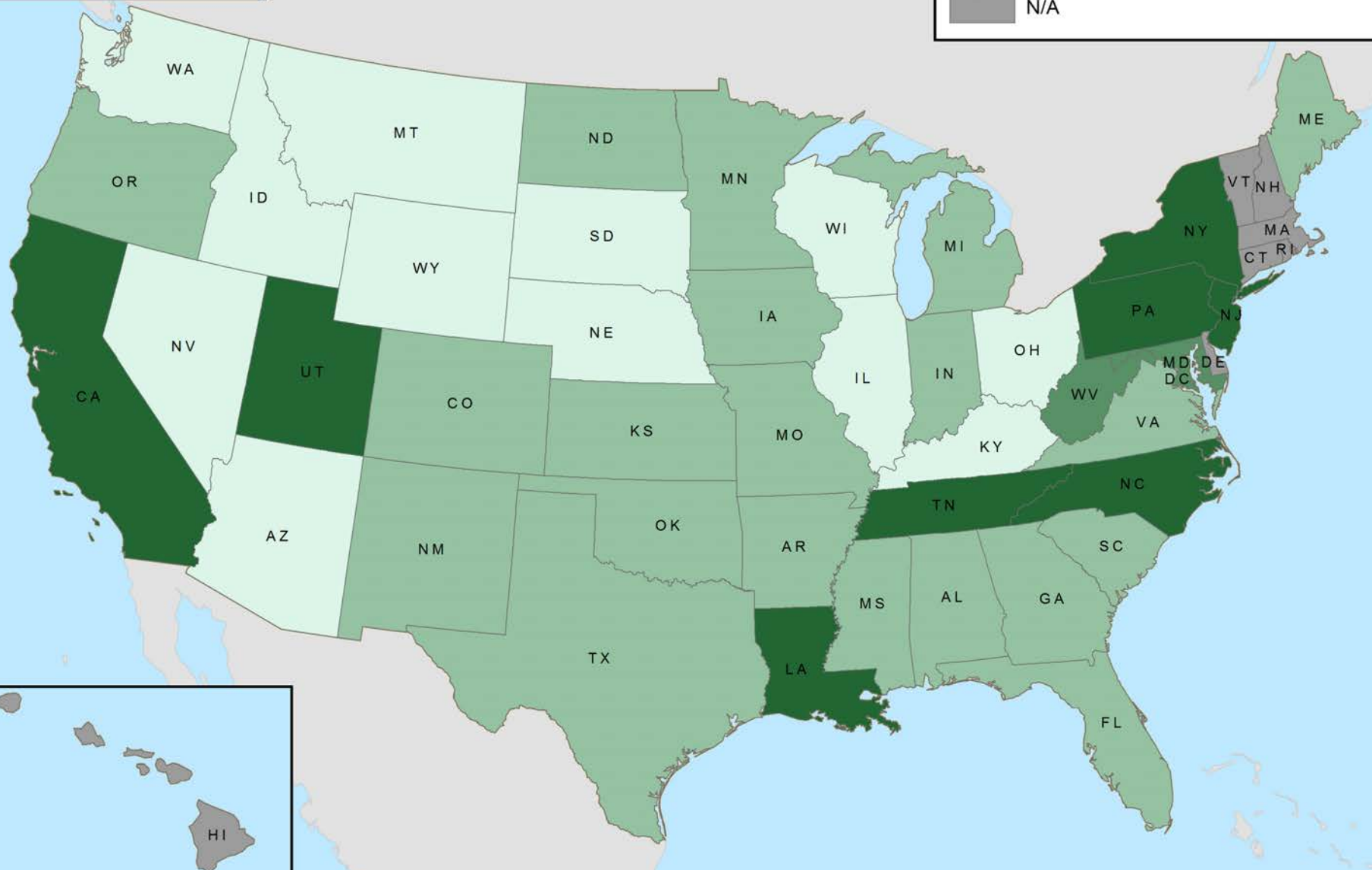
State has SART?



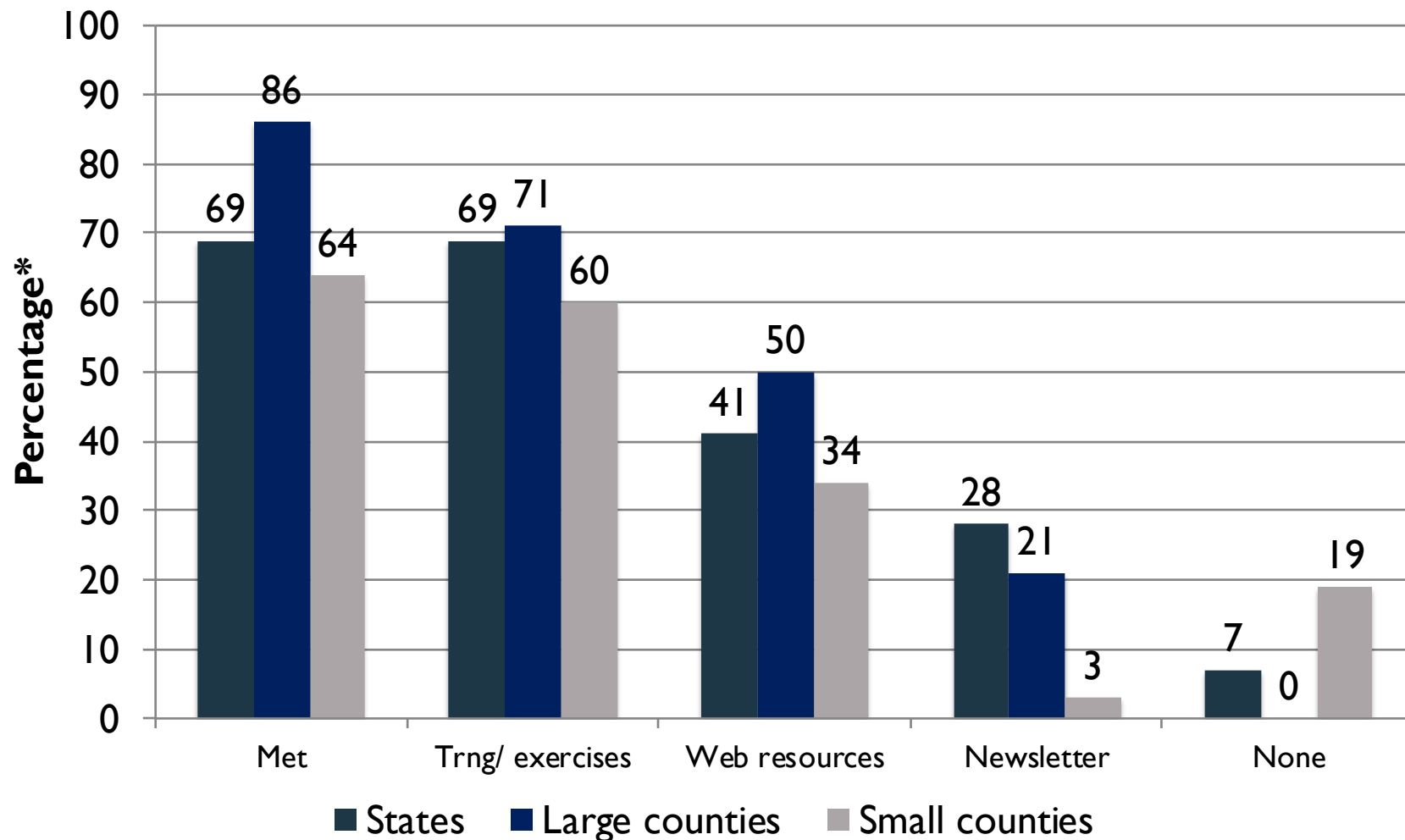
Percentage of counties with a CART



Combined SART/CART

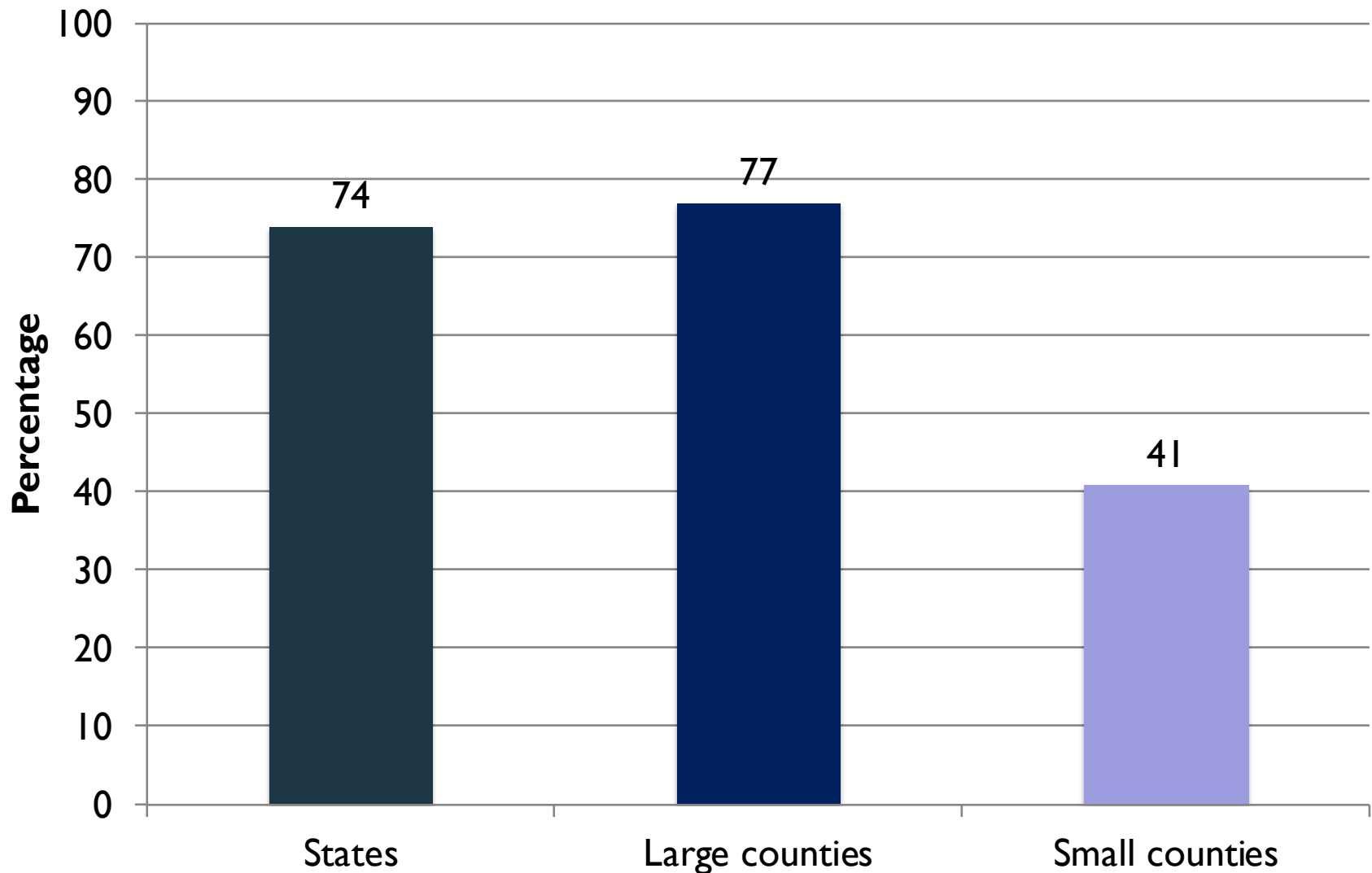


SART/CART activities

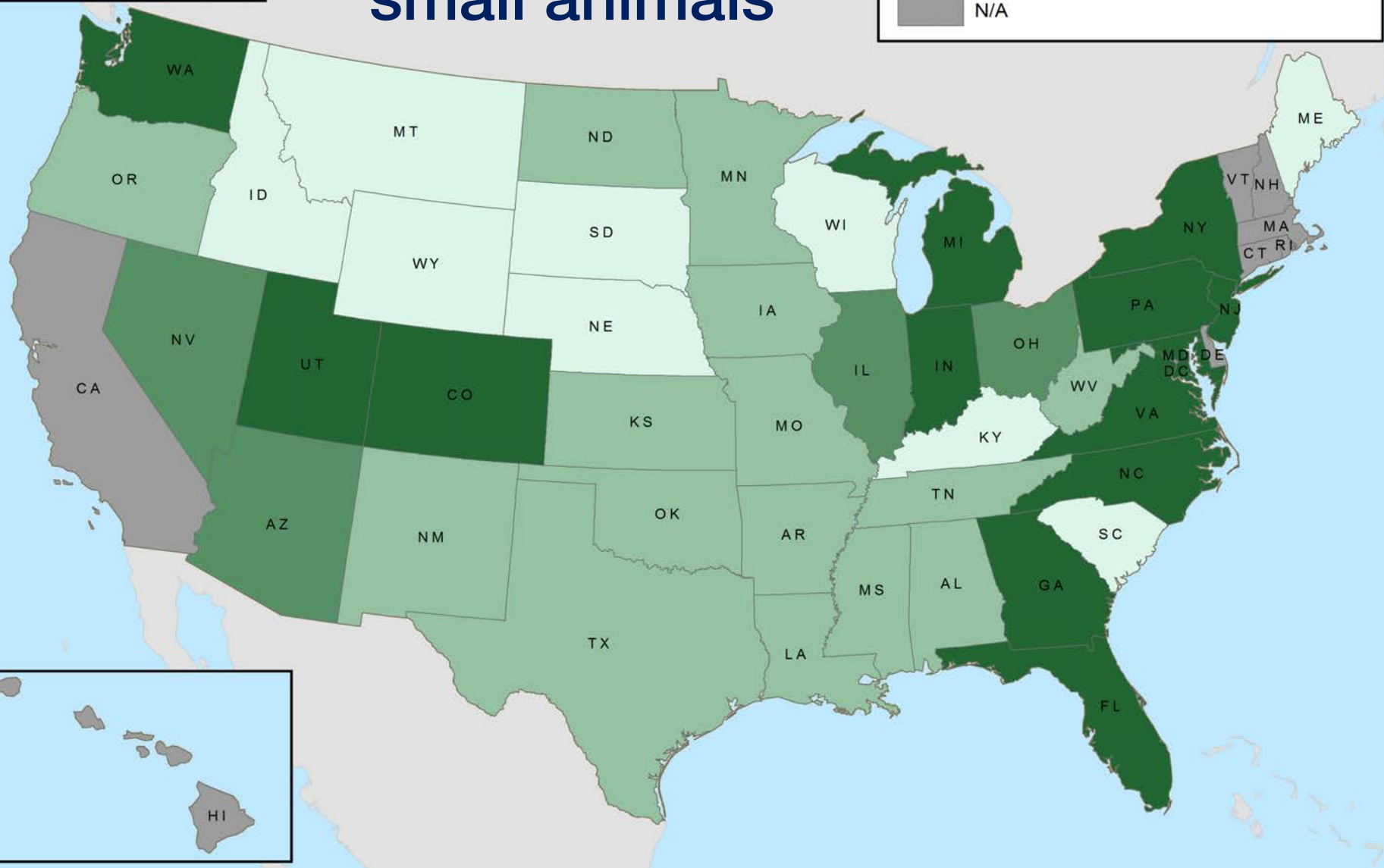
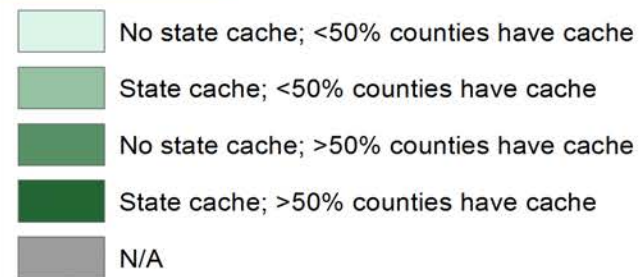


*among those with a SART/CART

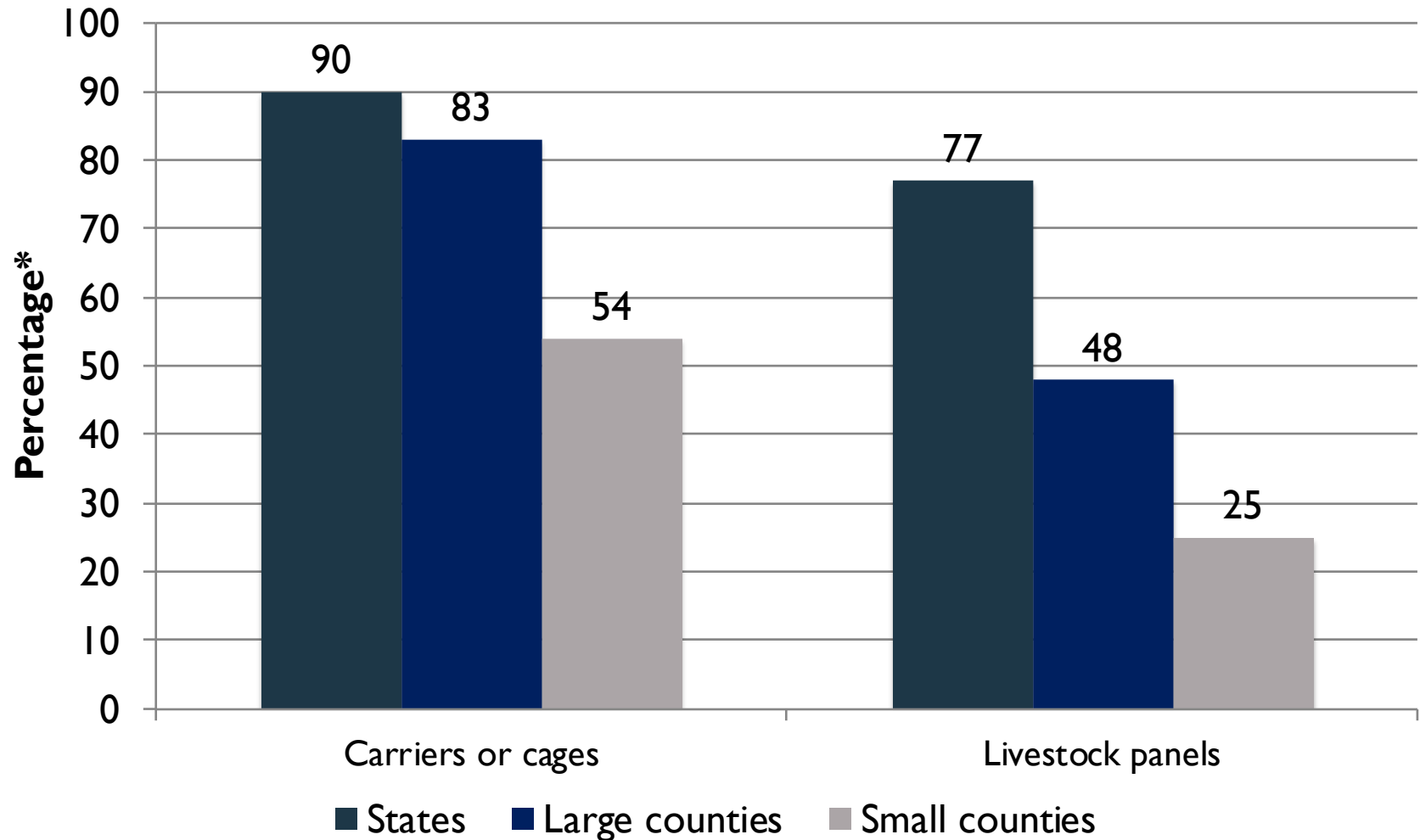
Cache of supplies for small animals



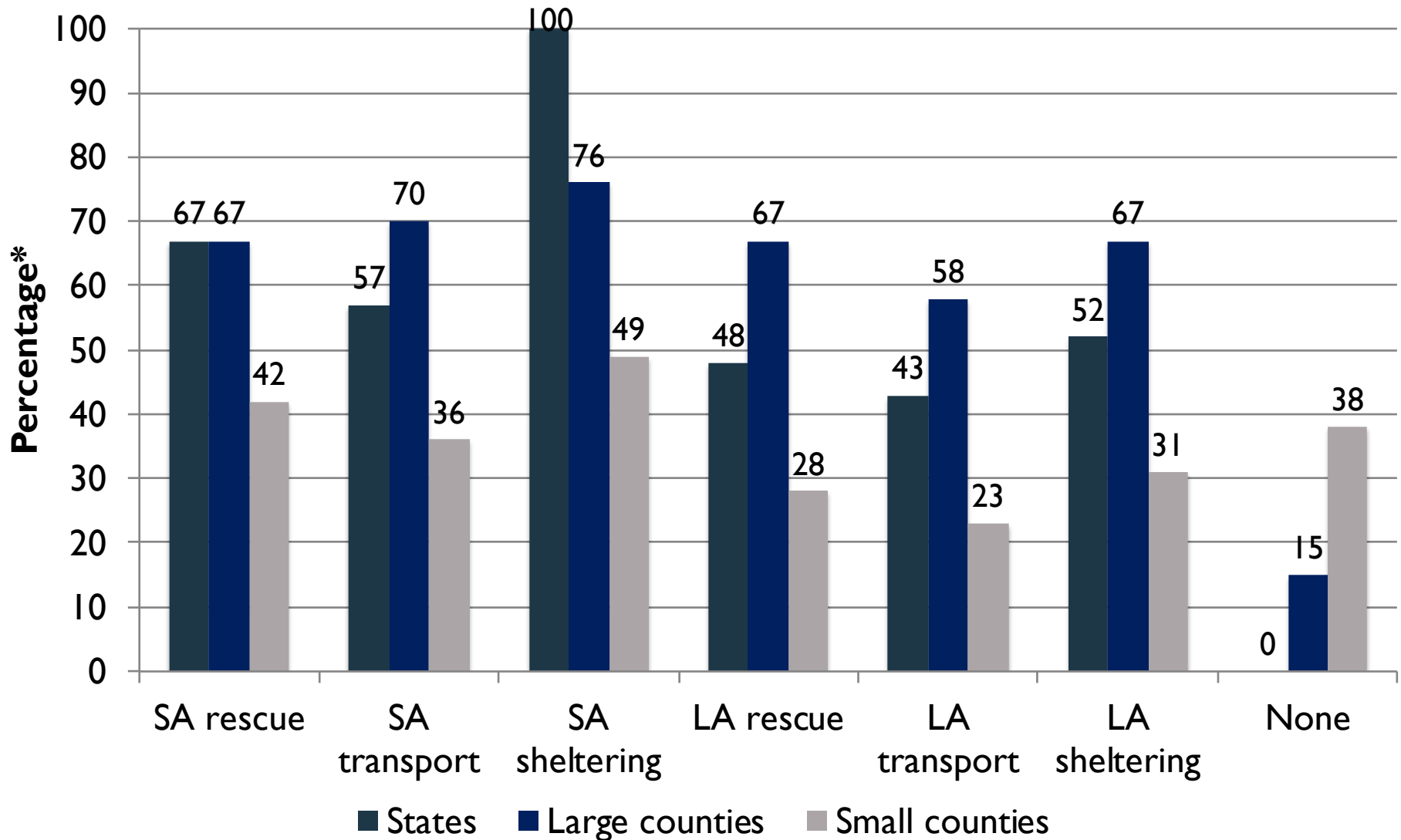
State/county caches small animals



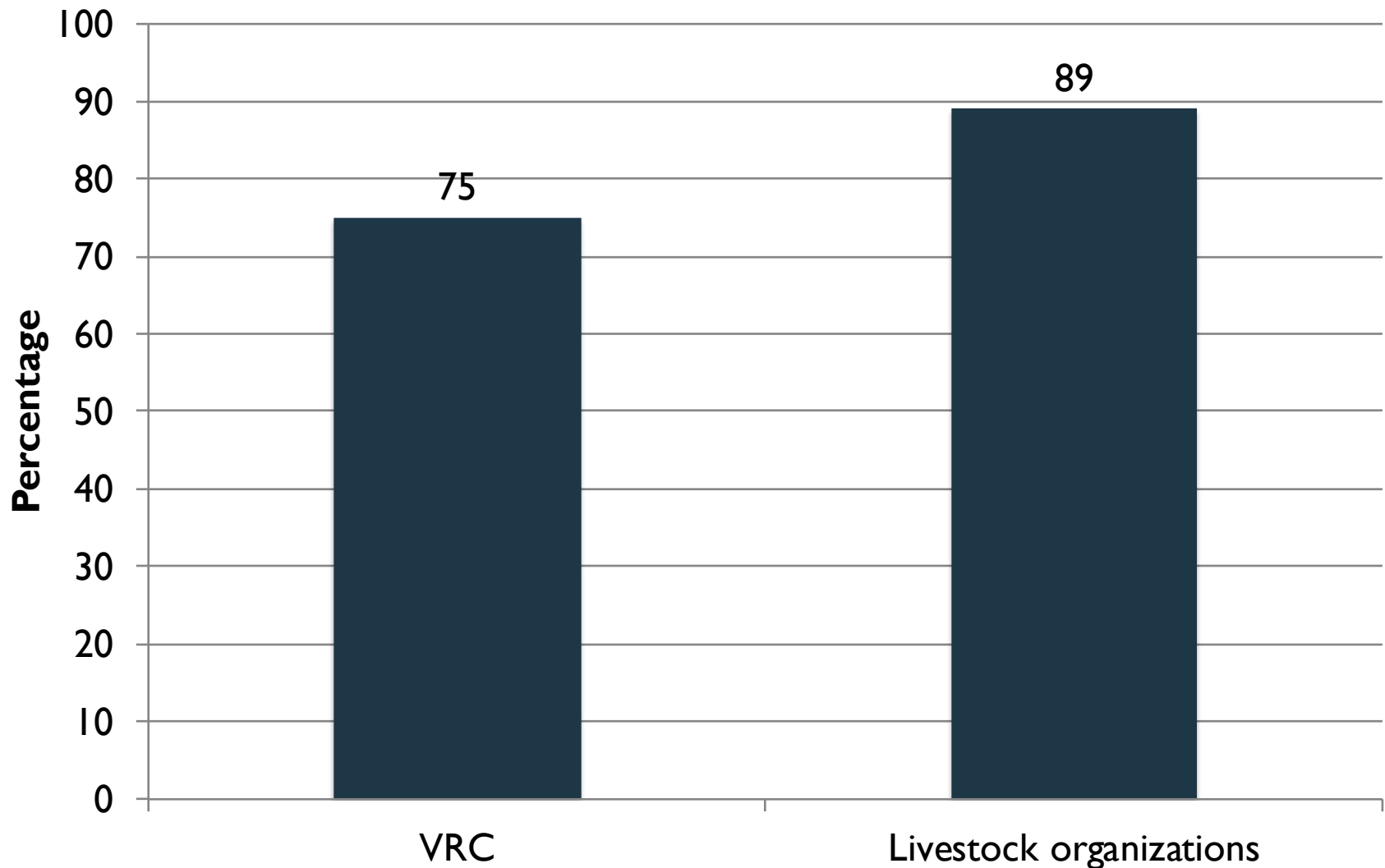
Dedicated animal equipment



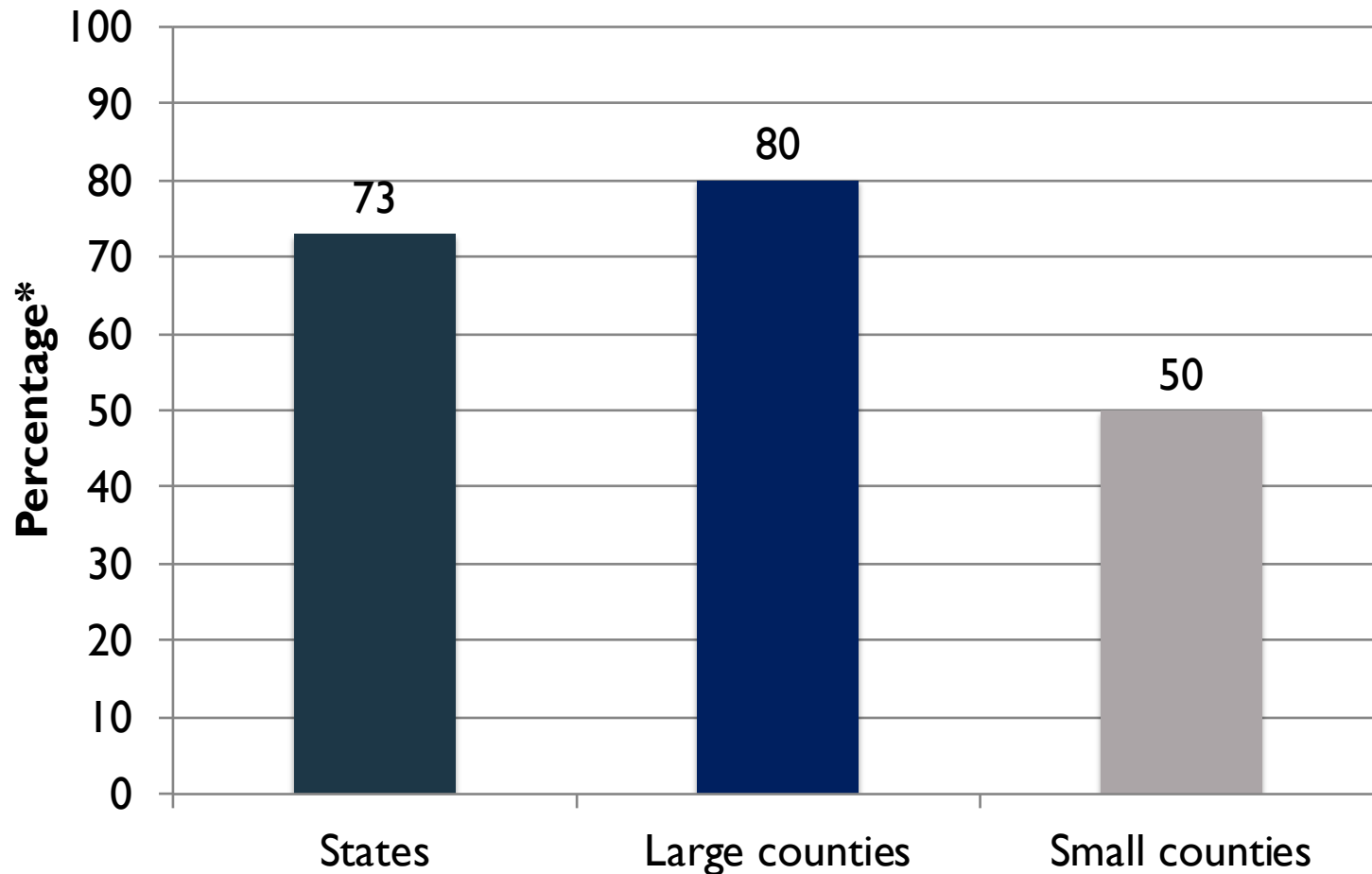
Typed teams



Other supporting state organizations



Plans for co-located sheltering



N=33 for states; 15 states did not answer

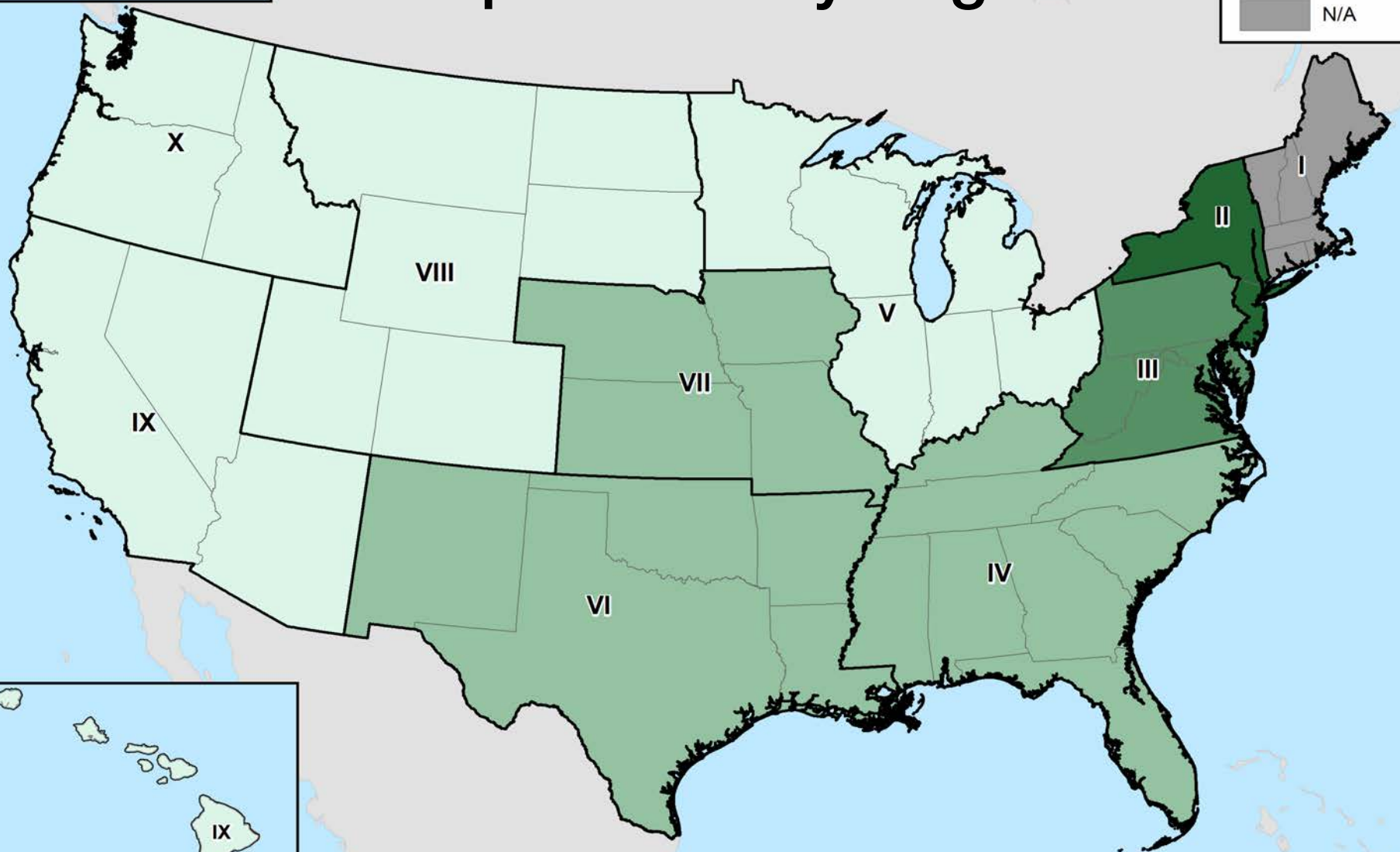
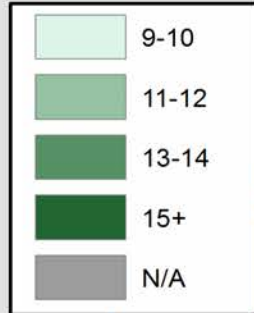
Nation's Animal Response Report Card

Local capabilities + State capabilities

- CARTs
- Caches
- SART
- Caches
- VRC

CARTs (6) + County caches (5) +
SART (4) + State caches (3) + VRC (2) = 20

Animal Response Capabilities by Region



An outline map of the state of Washington, showing its coastline and major islands. The map is positioned on the left side of the slide, with the text overlaid on the right.

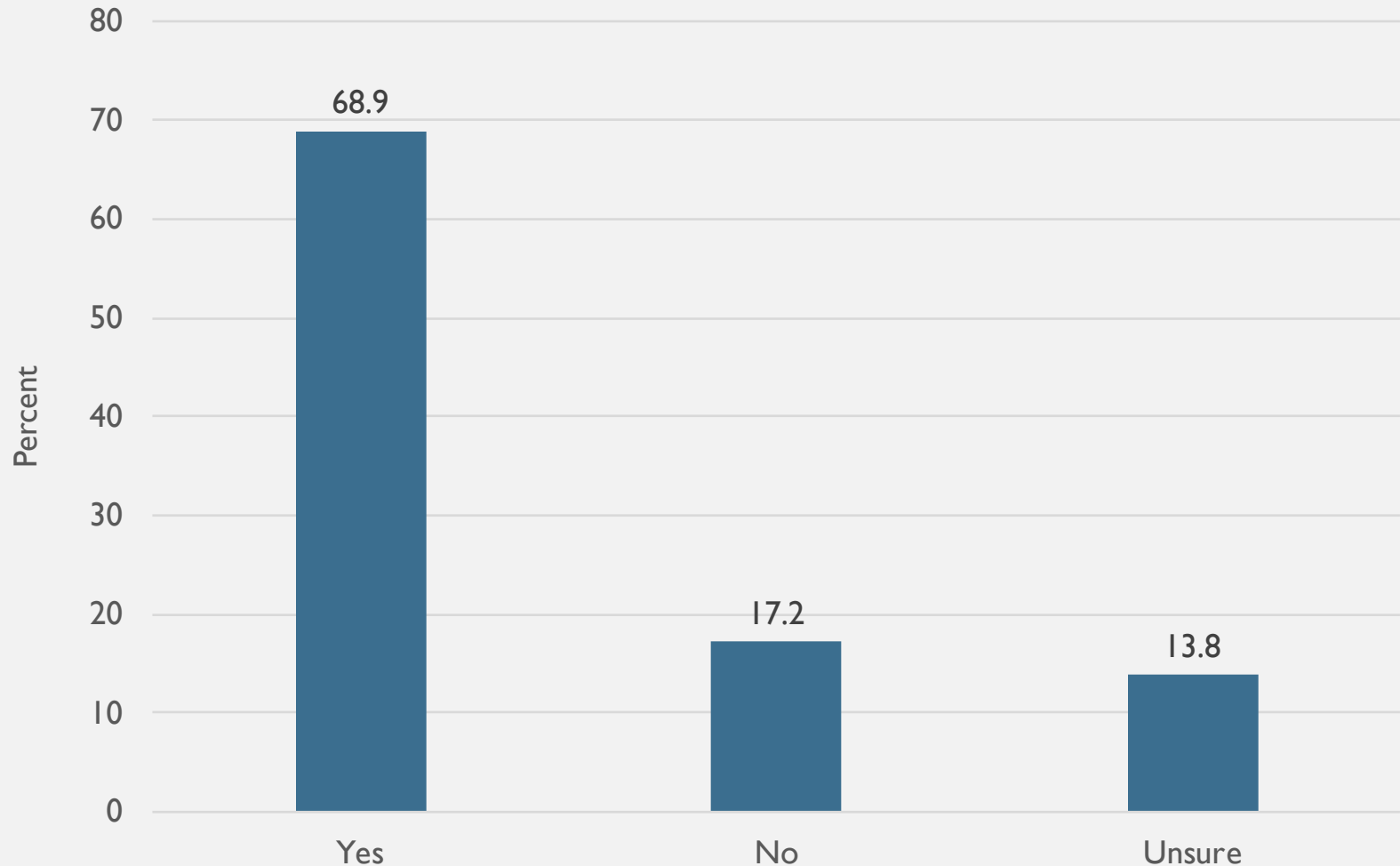
WA State Capabilities for Animal Response in Emergencies (WSCARE)

A County by County Assessment

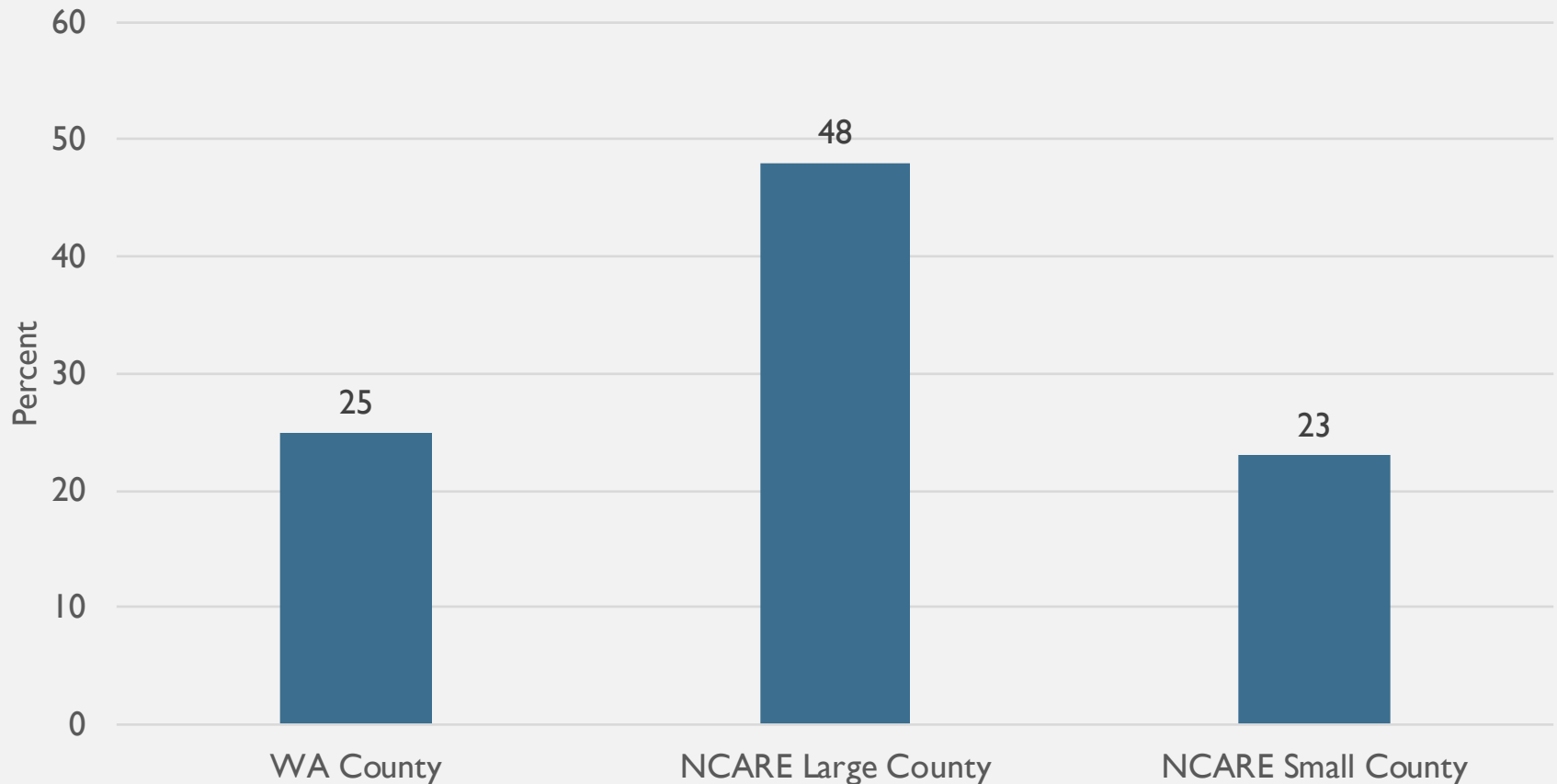
WSCARE Process

- Joint effort between Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)
- Purpose was to determine animal response capabilities in the 39 counties and to validate NCARE
- Mailed to every Emergency Manager or known AHJ on 1 Feb 2019
- As of 1 Jul, 29 responses (74.4%)

Is there a section within the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan that addresses animal issues?

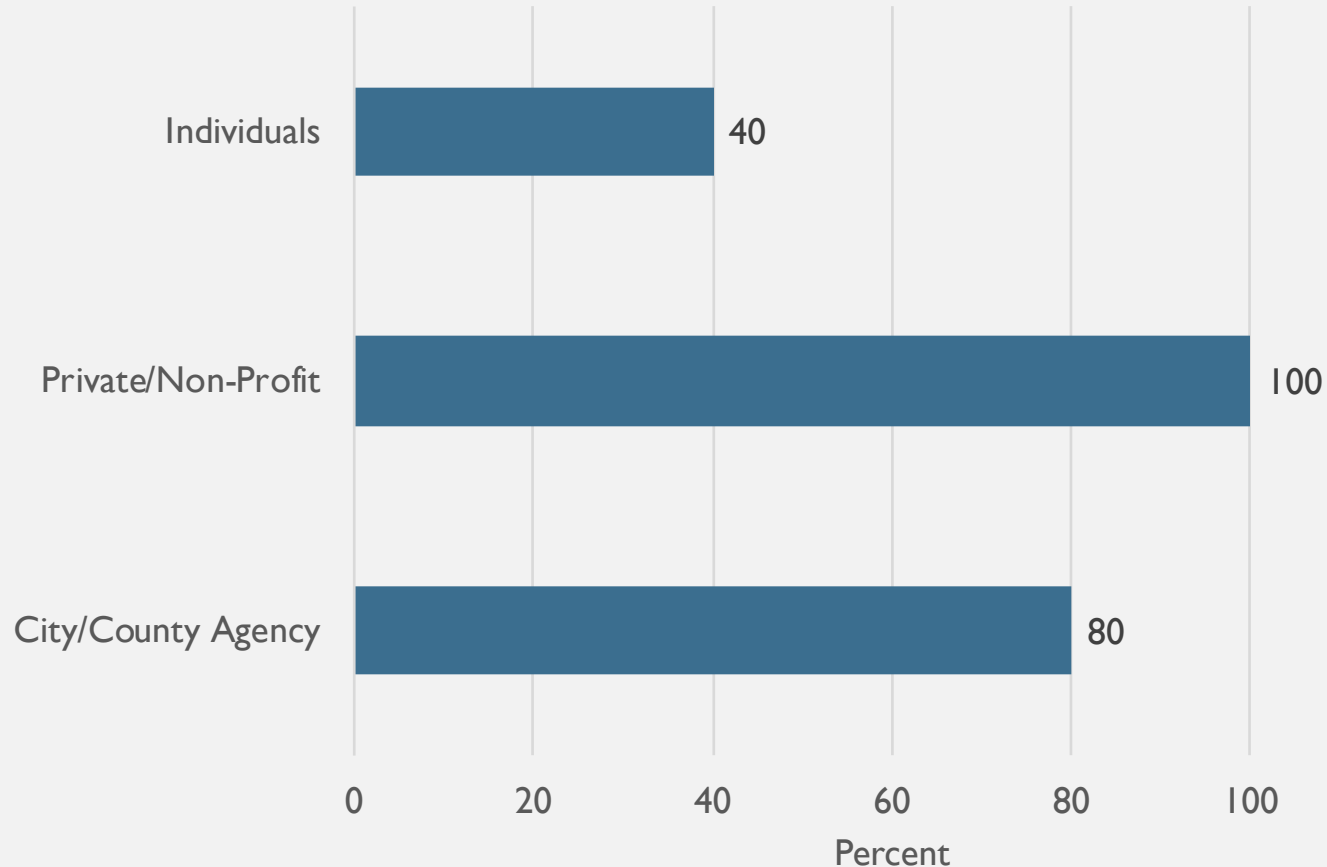


Does your county have a County Animal Response Team (CART)?



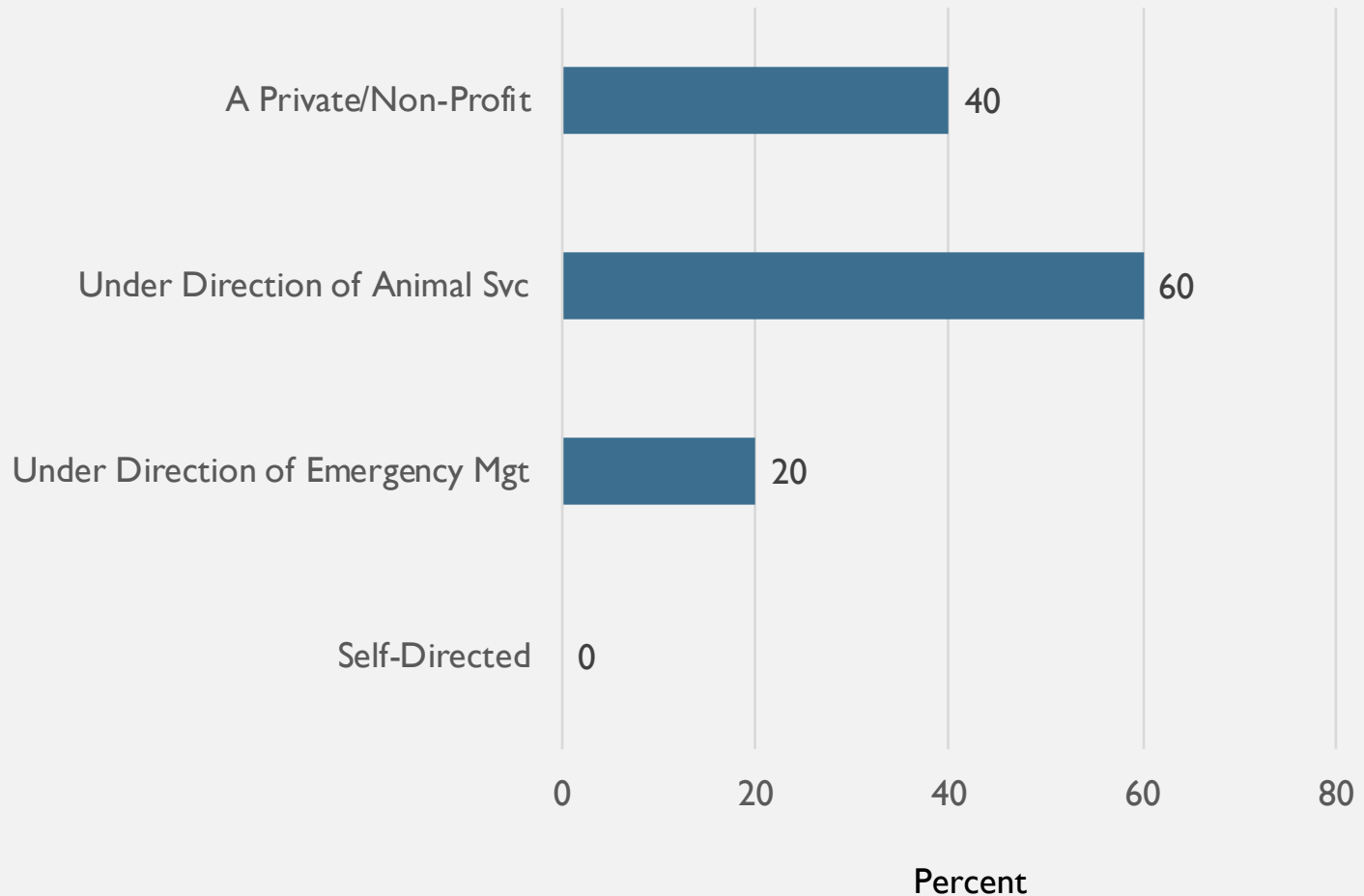
What groups comprise your CART?

Select all that apply

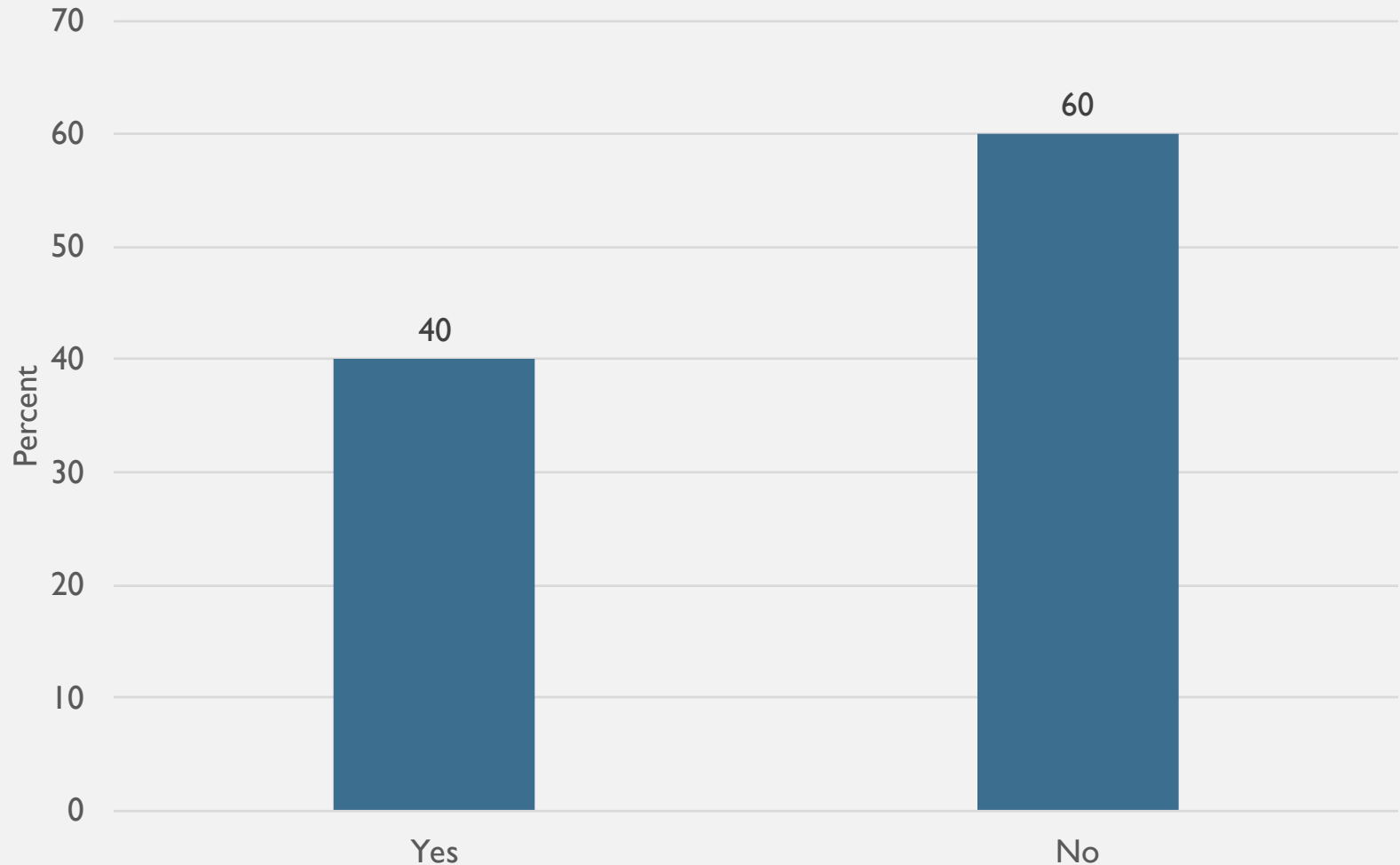


How is the CART organized?

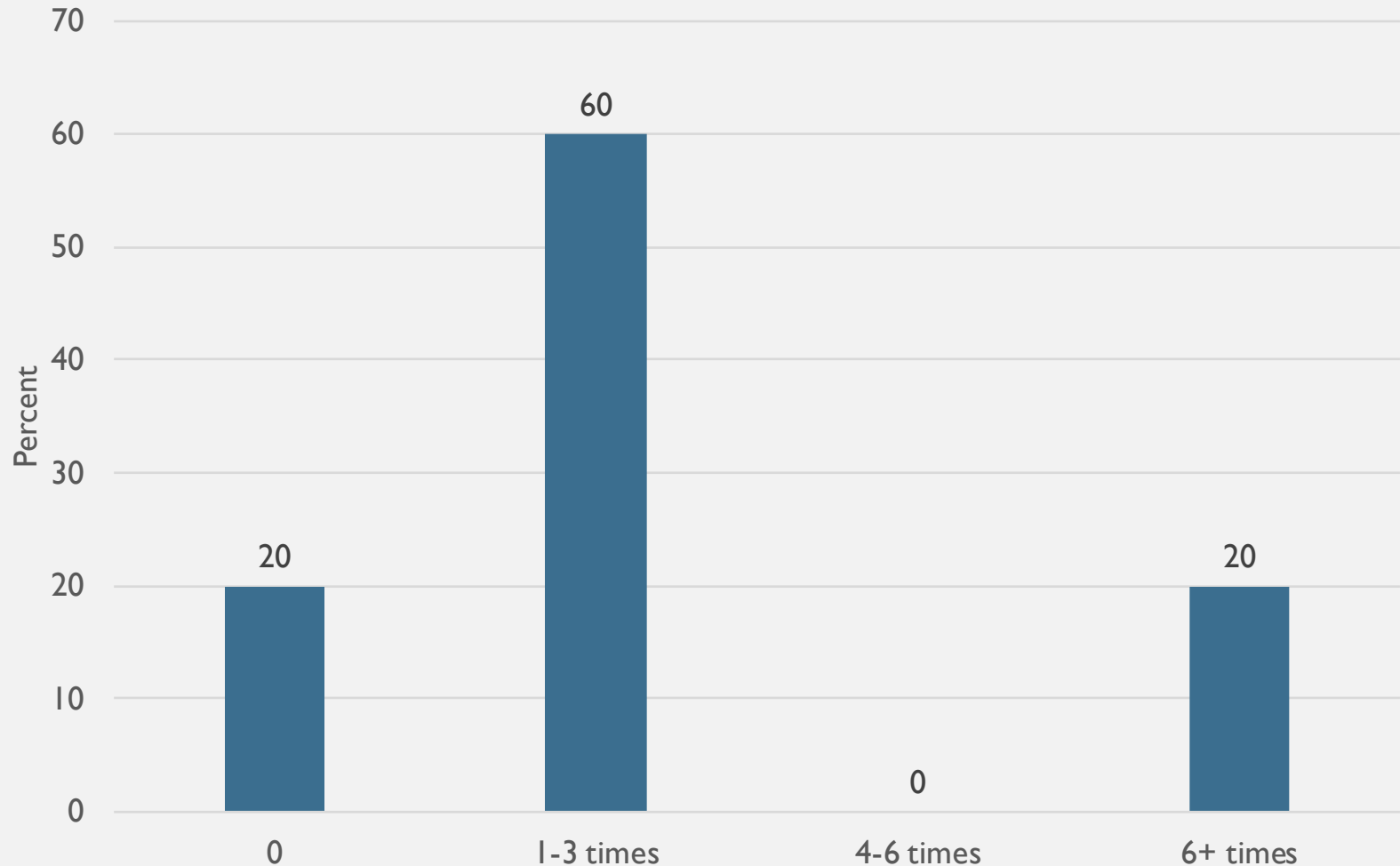
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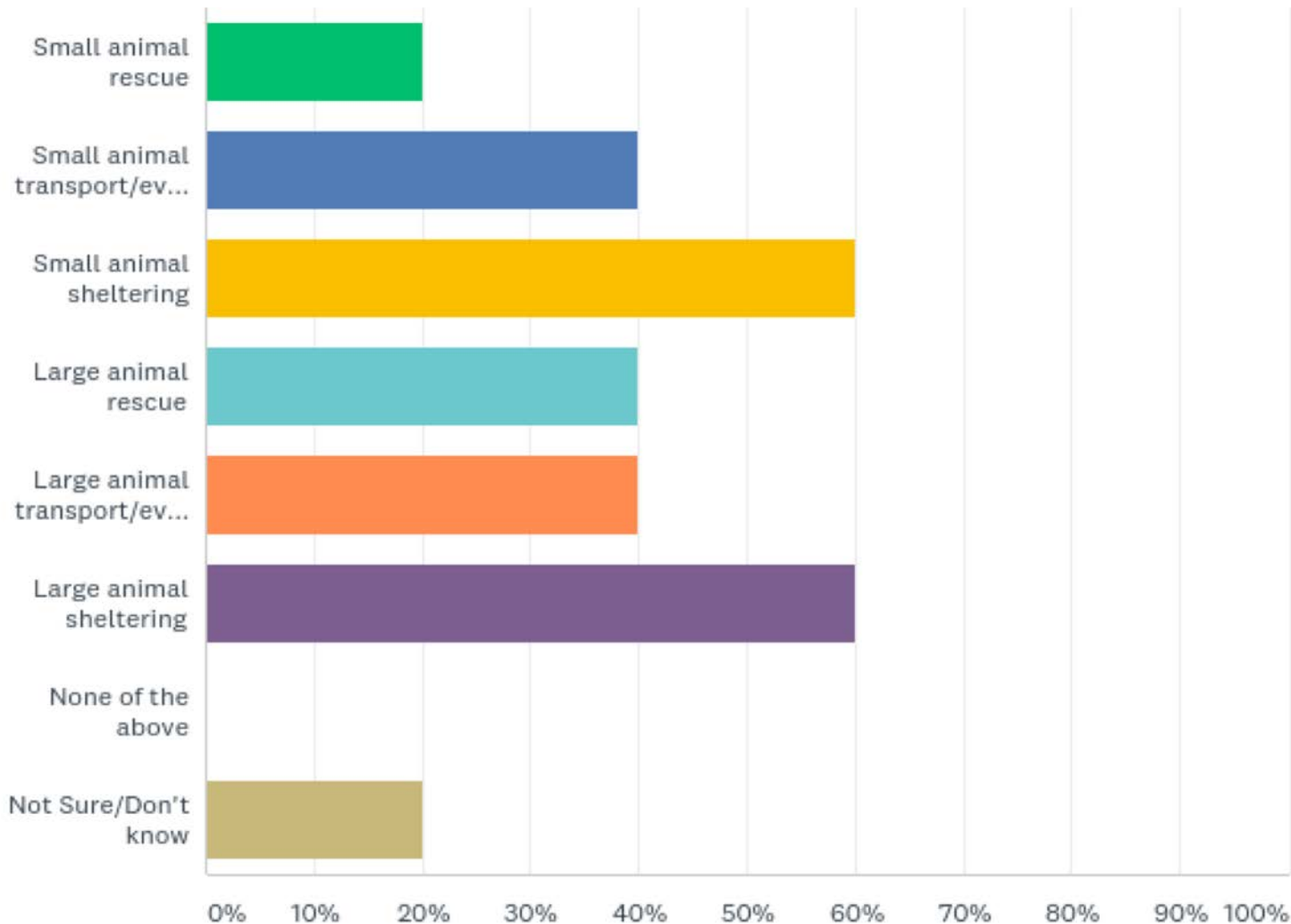
Is the CART an active member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee?



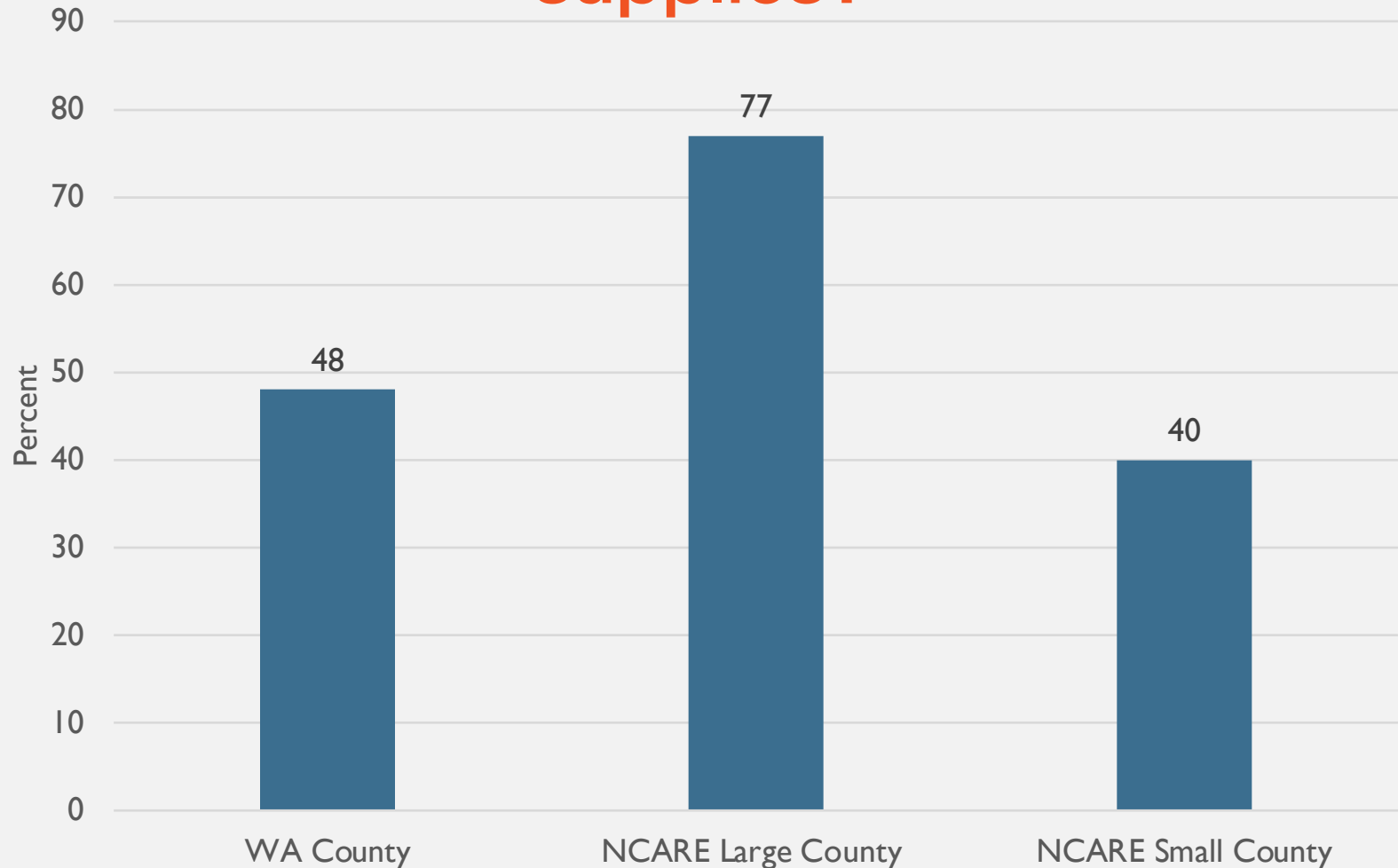
How many times has the team met in the last 12 months?



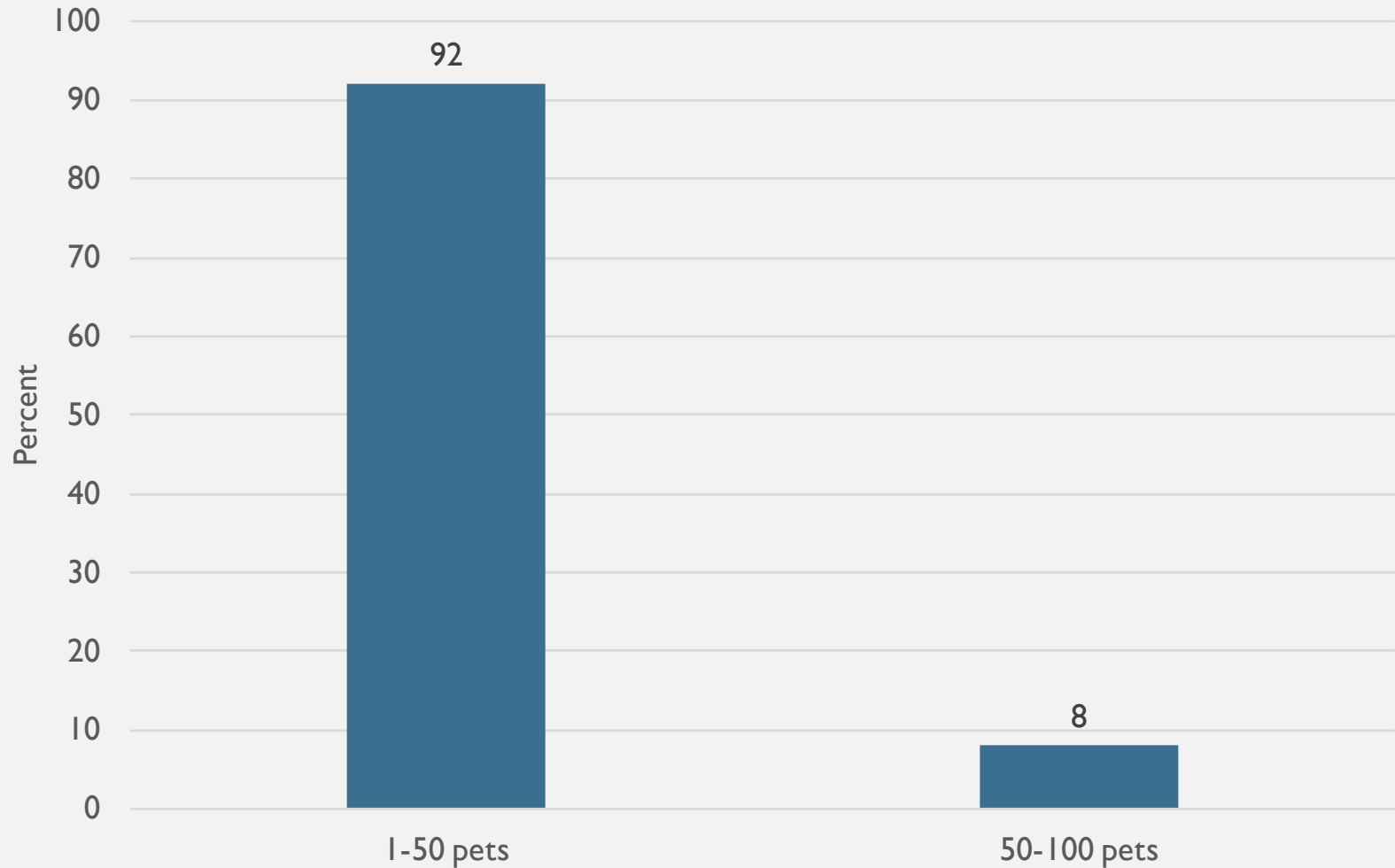
Which animal response functions have been organized at the county level?



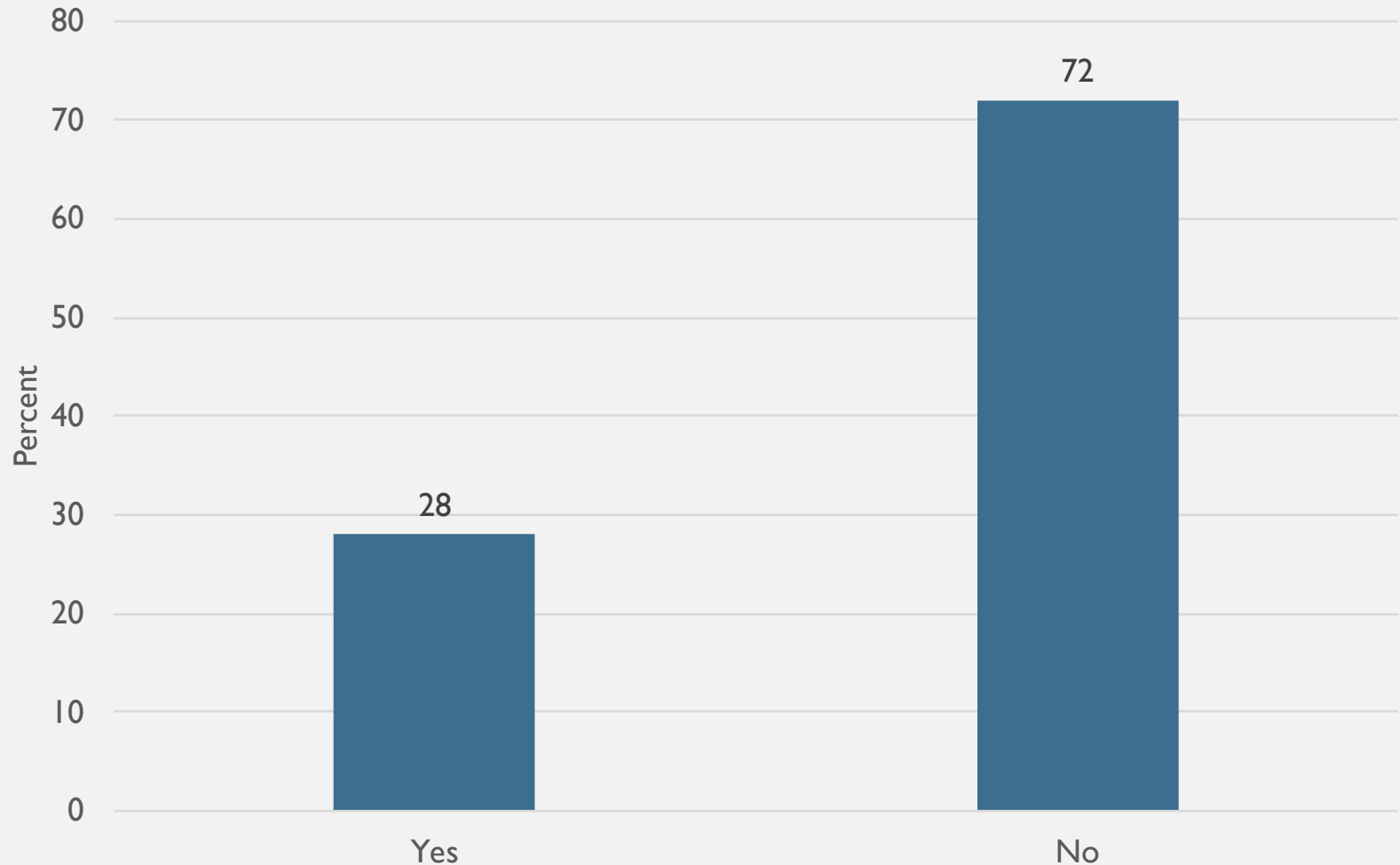
Does the county and/or CART have a cache of small animal sheltering supplies?



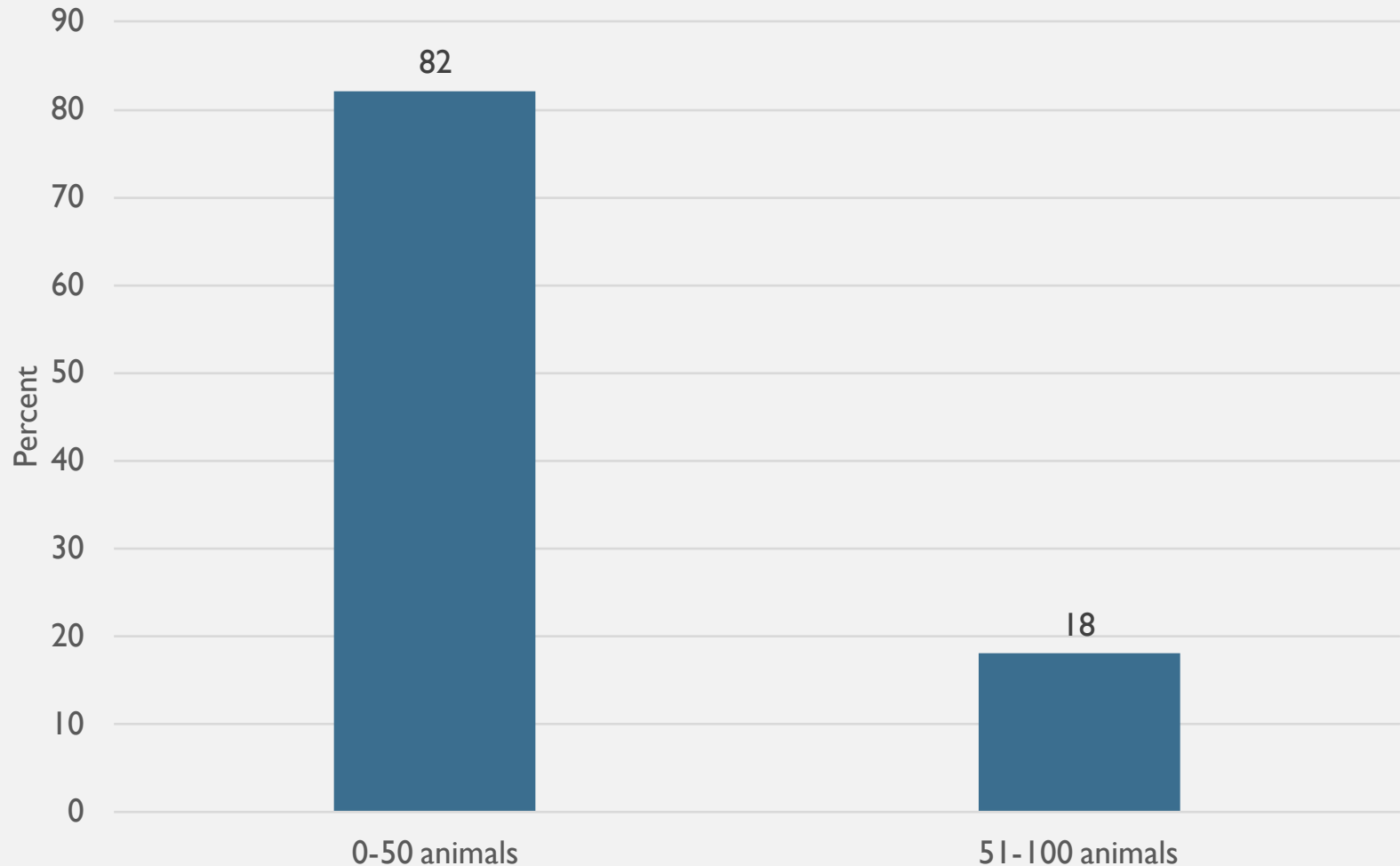
How many small animals can you shelter with your cache?



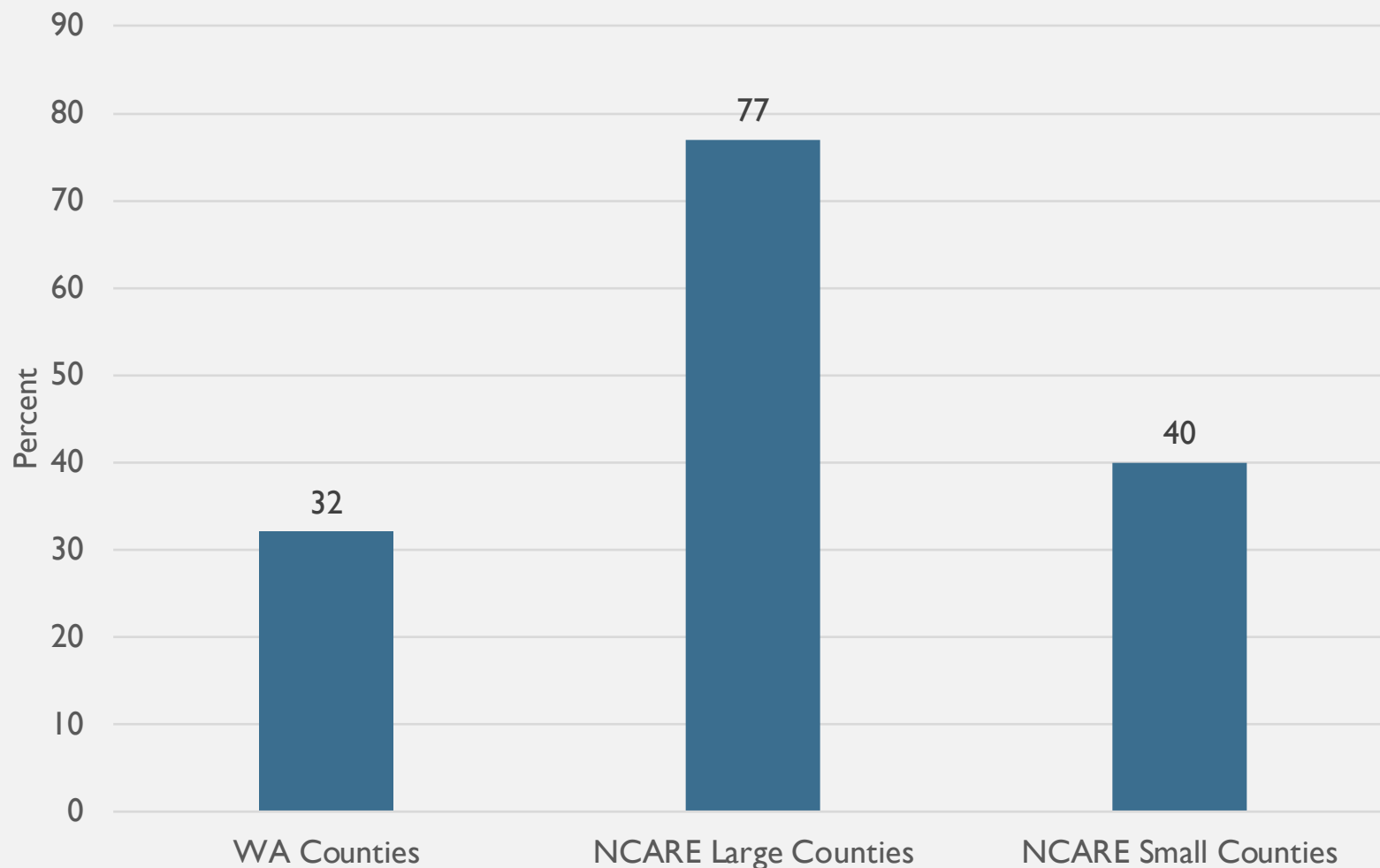
Does the county and/or CART have a cache of large animal sheltering supplies?



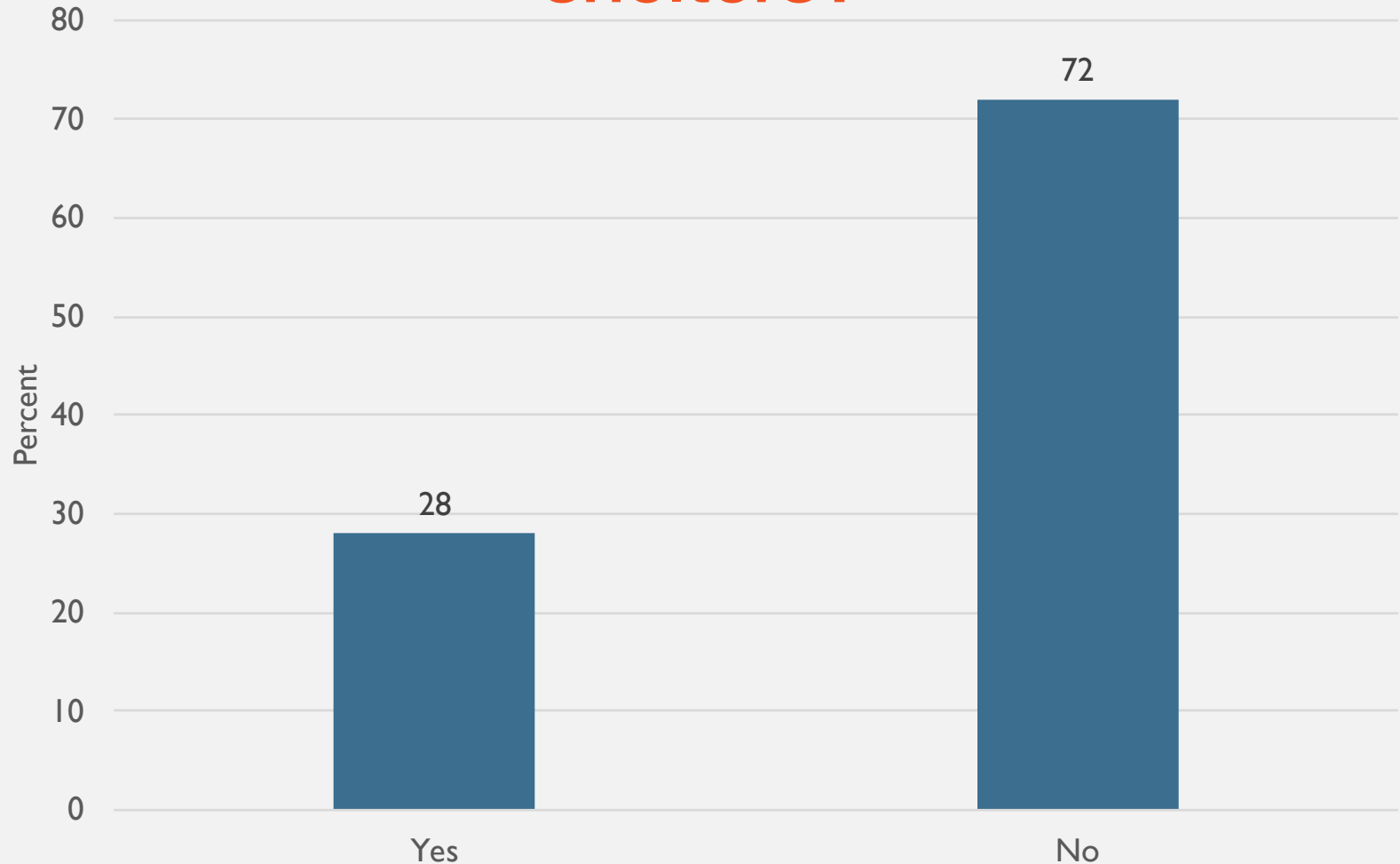
How many large animals can you shelter with your cache?



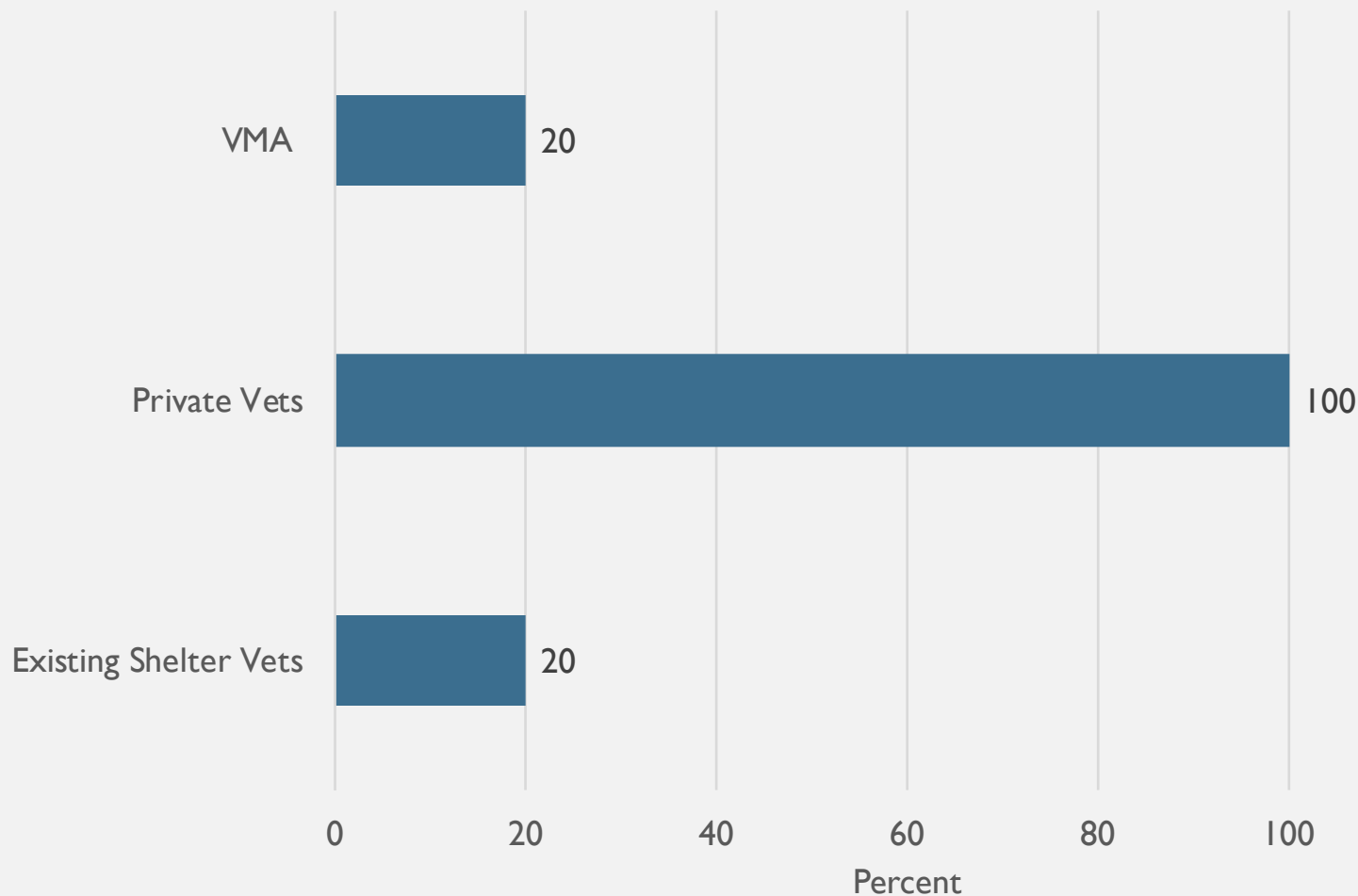
Does the county have a plan for pet-friendly shelters?



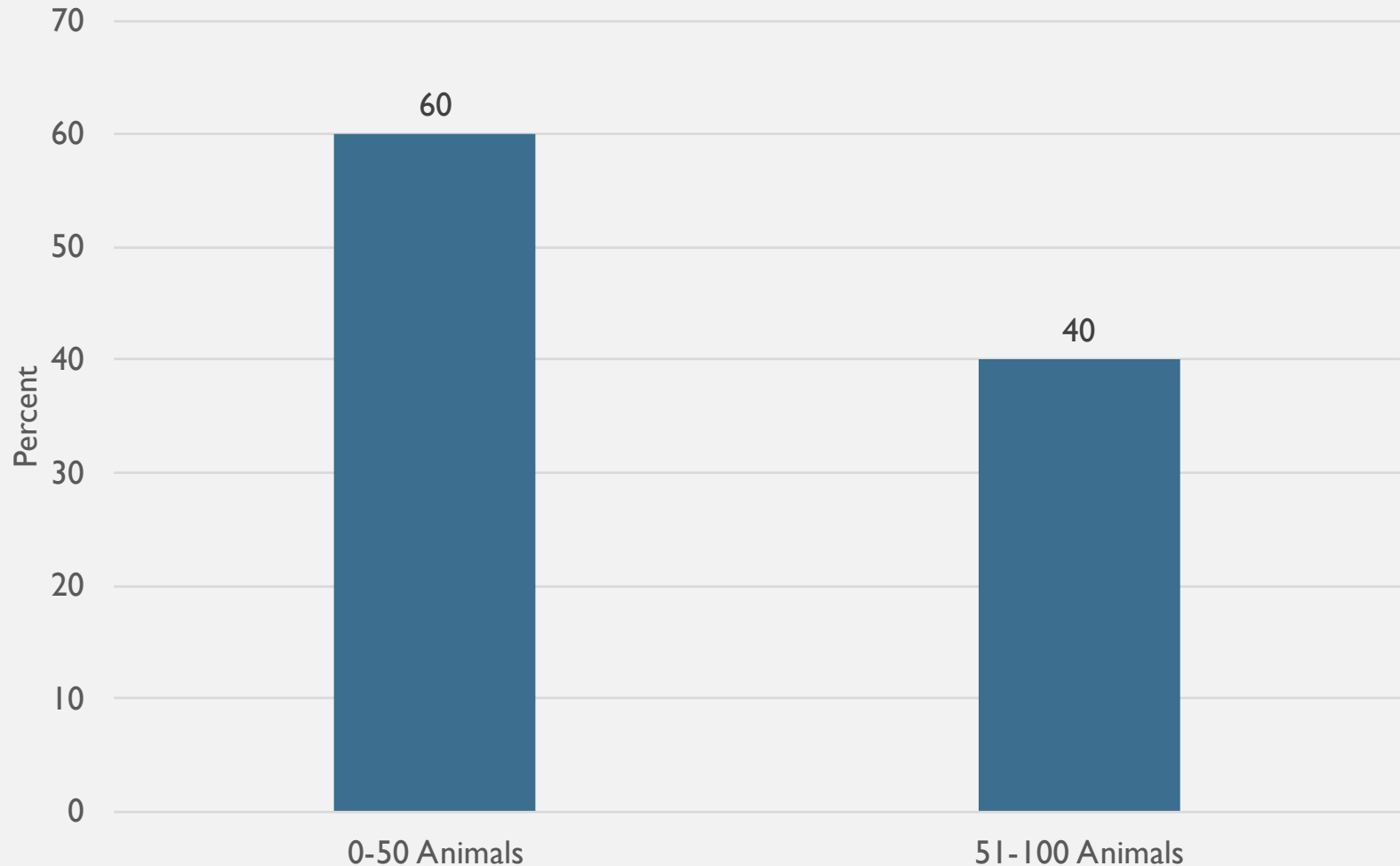
Does your county have a plan for providing vet assistance for animal shelters?



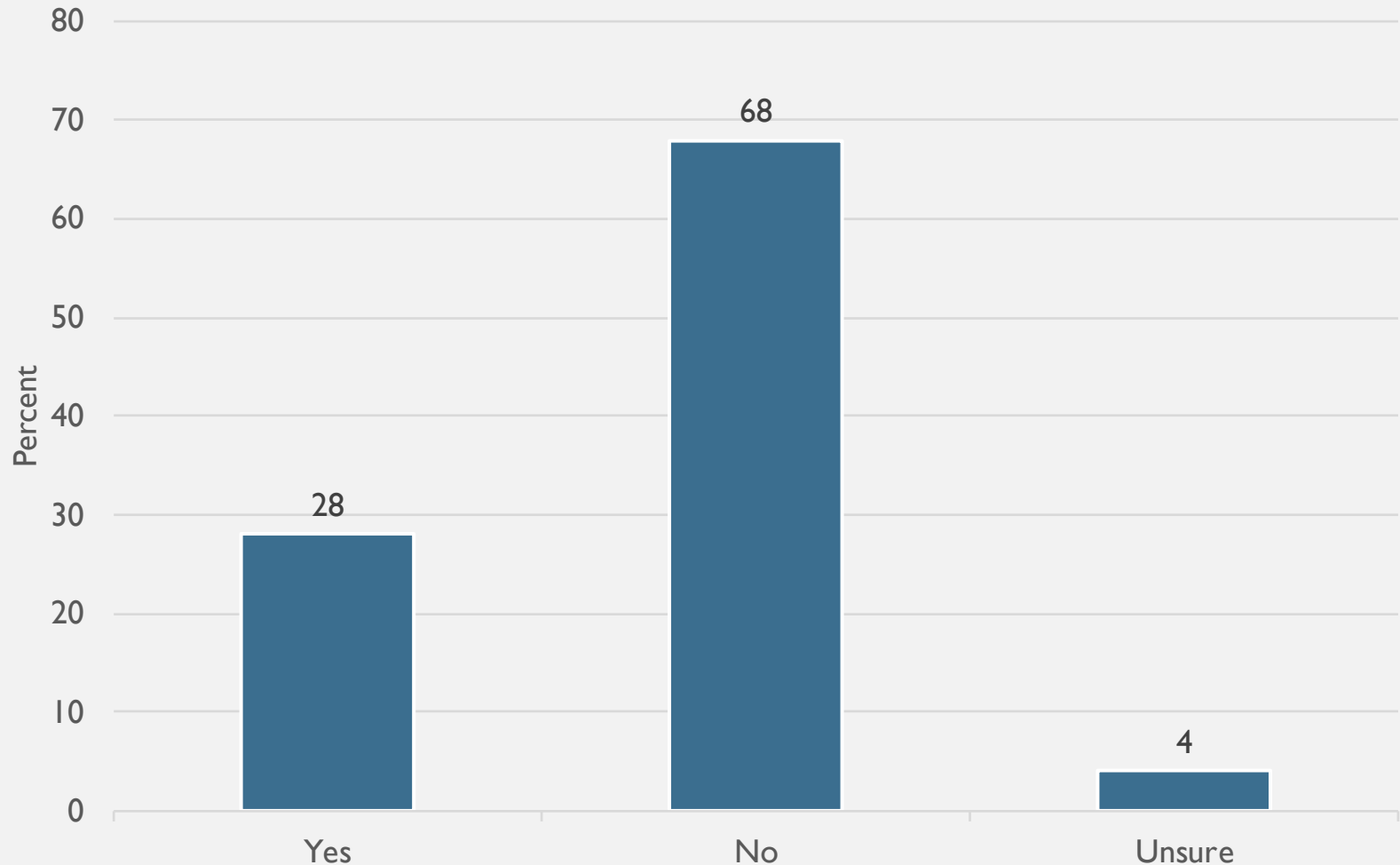
Who provides the veterinary medical assistance? Select all that apply



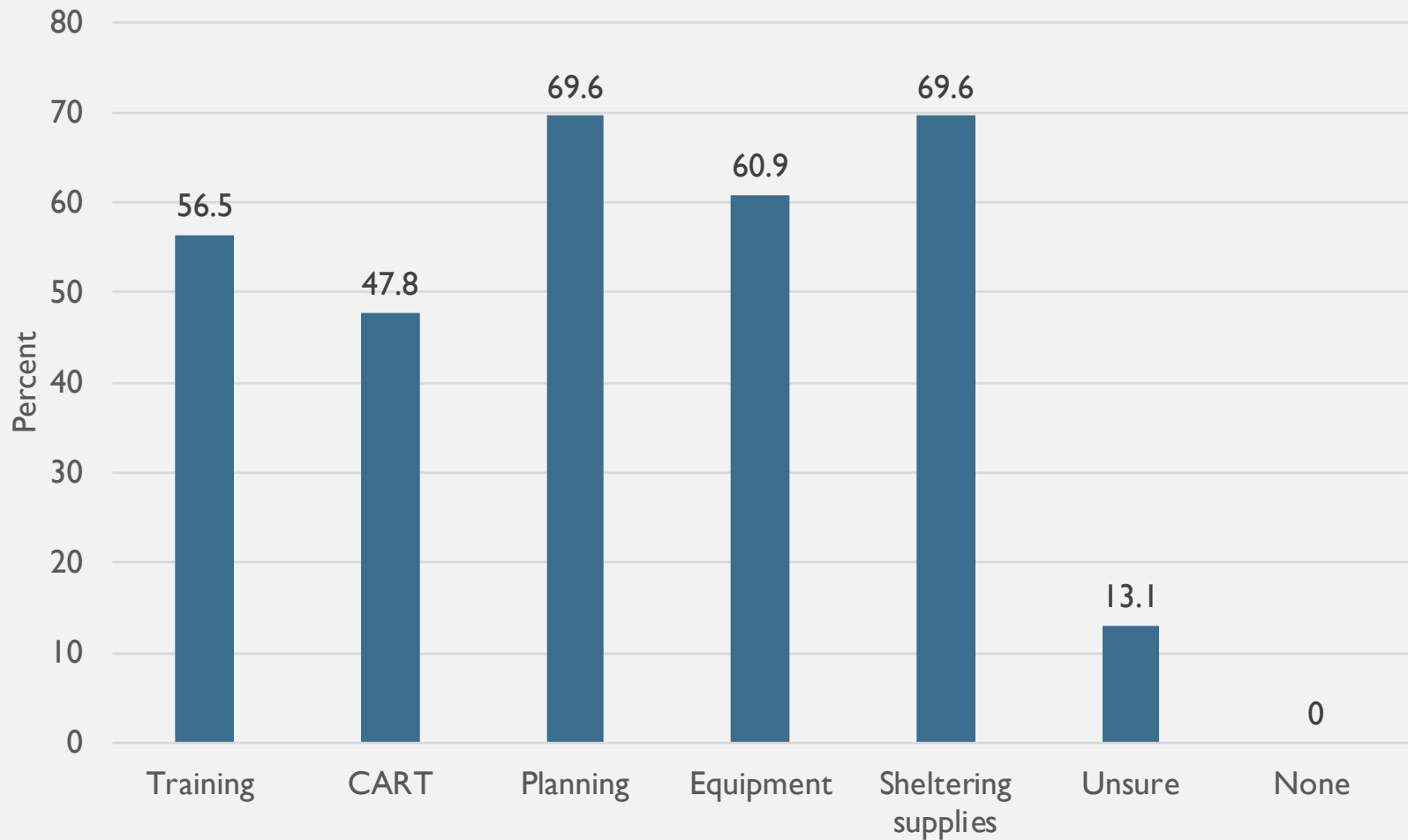
How many animals can your vet team treat at an animal shelter?



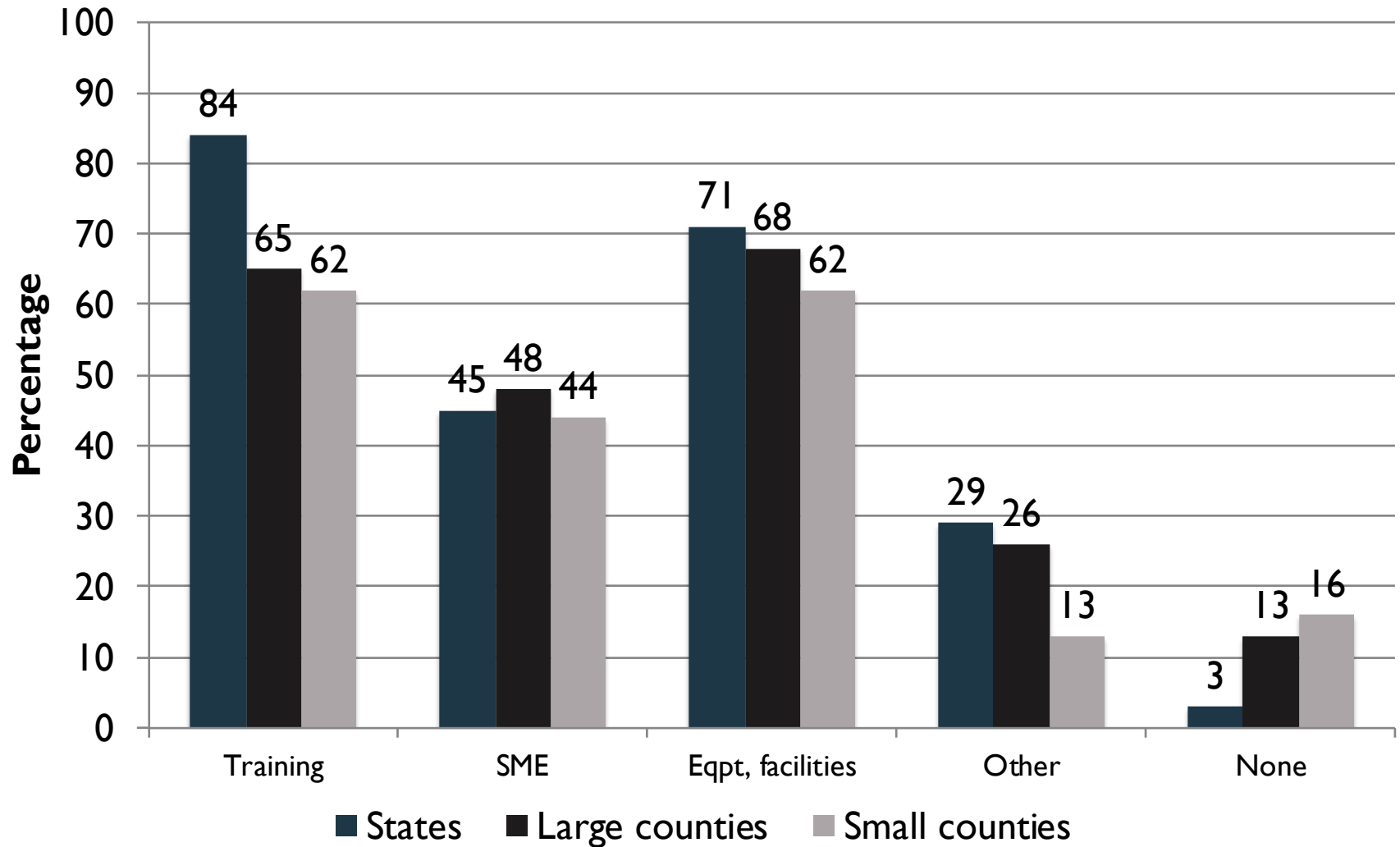
Does your county have a MOU with an animal response group?



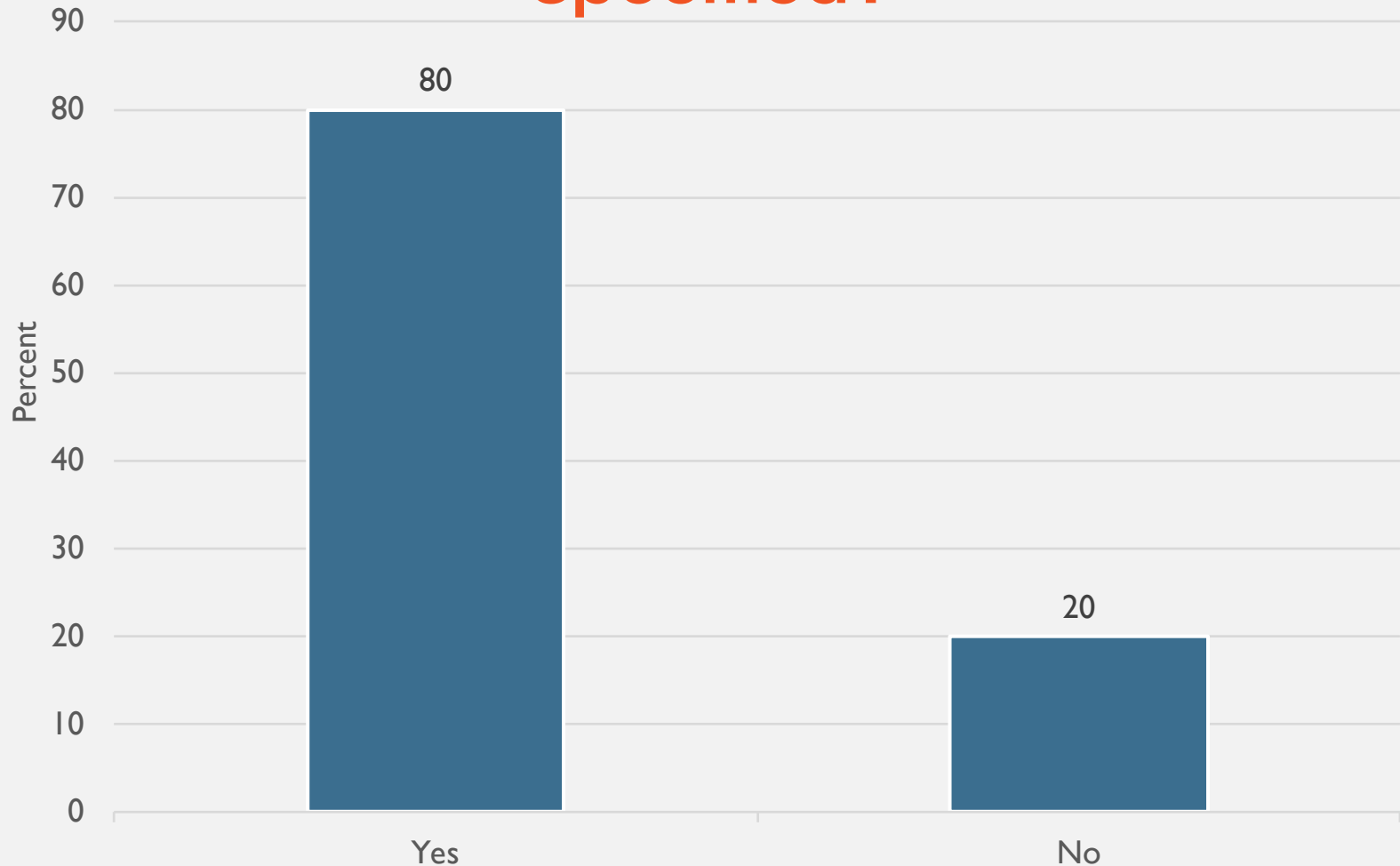
What additional needs do you have related to managing animals in a disaster?



Additional needs



Do you wish to be contacted by the WSDA in regards to the items you specified?



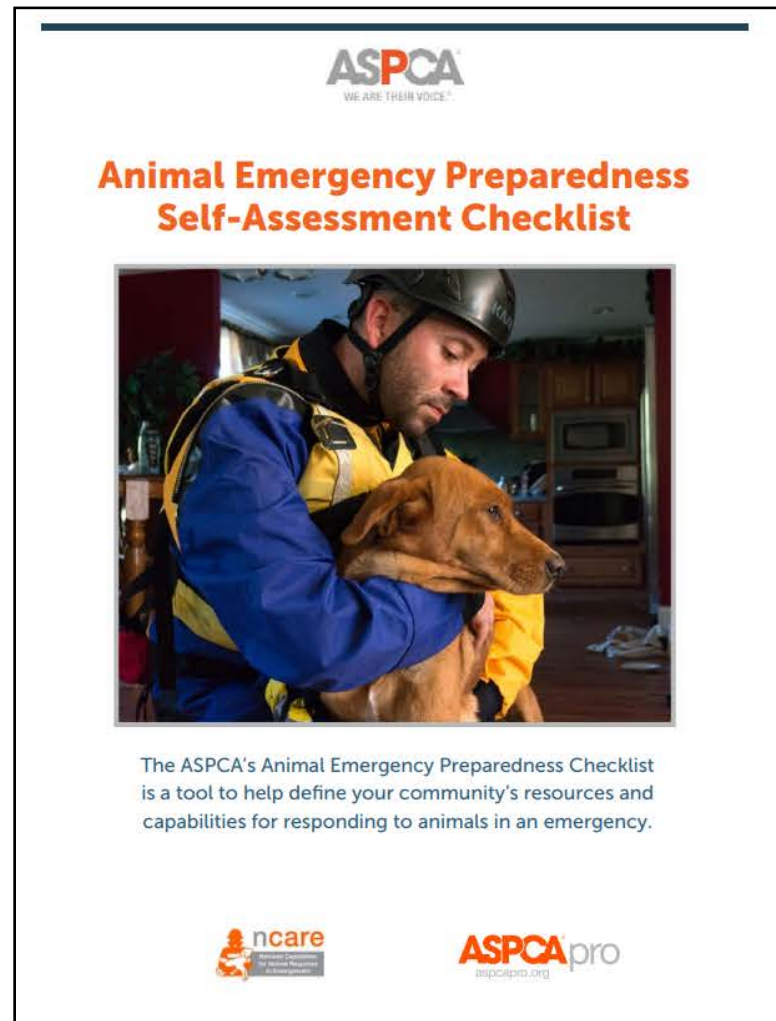
Developing Local Capabilities

Community Preparedness Checklist

An animal-specific Preparedness Checklist
identifying all of the components we recognize
as being critical for a community to be
disaster resilient

Community Preparedness Checklist

- Fillable, seven-page checklist
- Identifies where a community is well-resourced and where additional support is needed
- Effective in identifying strengths/shortfalls if completed by those with primary jurisdictional responsibilities and those familiar with the local Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
- Not just an analysis tool, serves as a blueprint for improvements



Assessment Tool

- Essential infrastructure
 - Active CART?
- Organization & Leadership
 - Animal Planning Committees, Agreements?
- Risk Assessment
- Written Plan Elements
 - Equipment & Systems
 - People & Pets
 - Personnel, Volunteers, Training

<https://www.aspcapro.org/sites/default/files/aspcaproemergencychecklistfillable.pdf>

Questions?



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You'll learn:

- The status of state and national emergency veterinary capabilities, and
- How veterinary resources are made available to states following a federally-declared disaster.
- This webinar is especially geared for CARTs, SARTs, state departments of agriculture, Veterinary Medical Associations, and schools of veterinary medicine.
- Registration link **Coming Soon!**

Thank you!

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