



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **The Central CA Animal Disaster Team Announces “Volunteer Recruitment and Team Training”**

*Helping animals in crisis during disasters in our Central Valley.*



#### **For Immediate Release**

**Tehachapi, CA – March 2, 2024,** The Central California Animal Disaster Team (CCADT) has scheduled its annual “Volunteer Recruitment and Team Training 2024” for **March 16-17, 2024**. The **Bakersfield SPCA** is hosting the event at **3000 Gibson Street, Bakersfield, CA**. The times are Saturday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. A donation of \$50 per person is requested (to be applied new volunteer equipment) and the registration deadline is **March 11<sup>th</sup>**. People may register by visiting the CCADT website: <https://ccadt.org/>

Volunteers are always needed to assist with animal evacuation and emergency sheltering. Due to the amount of time invested in training that strives to meet FEMA standards, this is the **ONLY** training event for new volunteers offered in the south counties that CCADT serves - Tulare and Kern. Afterward, continuing education is scheduled throughout the year.

Over the past years, wildfires, flooding, and severe weather have become more prevalent throughout California. Last year, CCADT volunteers from Kern County responded to Lake Isabella, Porterville, Delano, and McFarland to operate small animal shelters in response to life threatening flooding. Many animals were evacuated and provided with a safe haven until evacuation orders were lifted and pet owners were able to return home.

***“During the last 10 years, CCADT has responded to 42 wildfires and has helped save thousands of animals, primarily during wildfires season.***

***– Naomi E, Tobias, Founder & CEO***

Founded in 2011, the Central CA Animal Disaster Team is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in Fresno that serves seven counties. For additional information on the CCADT, please visit [www.ccadt.org](http://www.ccadt.org). If you would be interested in an interview with a CCADT member, please contact Jeff Kermode at (661) 343-7503 or email at [jeffkermode@ccadt.org](mailto:jeffkermode@ccadt.org).

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