



**Tennessee Disaster Animal Response Team  
Credentialing Class**

*Rutherford Co. EMA office  
1220 W College St,  
Murfreesboro, TN 37129*

*Thursday, July 20, 2017*

***The DART Credentialing Class***

The credentialing program assures that individuals asked to respond to a disaster incident will be properly trained and qualified in animal care. Shelter volunteers, UT Agricultural Extension personnel, animal control personnel, animal owners, livestock producers, veterinarians and veterinary technicians are invited and encouraged to attend the classes. Upon completion of the class, a photo identification badge will be issued by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) to identify the people who are qualified to work with animals at an emergency or disaster site.

Prior to attending the class, the student must complete the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Courses IS 100b, 200b, 700a and 800b. These courses may be taken online at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>. After a course is completed, the student will receive e-mail instructions on printing their ICS certificate. A paper copy of the certificate should be submitted at the time of the credentialing course. If the NIMS courses cannot be completed before July 20<sup>th</sup>, it is recommended you attend the class and e-mail to the certificates when completed to [animal.health@tn.gov](mailto:animal.health@tn.gov).

The credentialing course will have presentations on the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, the Animal Care and Housing Plan (ESF 16), Foreign Animal and Emerging diseases and reporting of these diseases. The total time for the course is about 3 hours and is given without charge to the student.

Please click on the link below to sign up for the DART Credentialing Course

**FILL OUT FORM**

For further information or questions on DART credentialing please contact: Dr. Doug Balthaser, [douglas.balthaser@tn.gov](mailto:douglas.balthaser@tn.gov) or call (615) 837-5120.

***Classes will be held at the Rutherford Co. EMA office, 1220 W College St, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. Class will be from 6:00 to 9:15 PM.***

***For questions on directions call: 615-898-7764***