May 20, 2011

LSART 2011 Spring Flood Update

May – 18 – Animal transport from St Landry and Calcasieu parishes completed. Provided assistance to ST Martin Parish in setting up a co-located pet shelter behind their Red Cross shelter. Provided information on pet evacuation and sheltering to Acadiana area through television interview.

May 17- Coordinated the vetting and transportation of adoptable animals from the St Landry Parish animal control facility to receiving shelters in Texas. The LSU Shelter Medicine group provided the veterinarian and support to vaccinate, deworm, deflea, and heartworm test the animals scheduled to be transported. ASPCA provided transport for the animals to Texas and identified the receiving shelters. LSART provided a Just in time training to the Monroe LSART group to prepare for a possible pet evacuation in Concordia parish. LSART was requested to prepare a pet evacuation team for Concordia Parish by LDAF.

May 16- Assisted St Landry in setting up and staffing a pet shelter behind the Red Cross shelter at the Yambilee building in Opelousas. Set up River Rising Louisiana Animal Response Hotline.
May- 14- Trained Lafayette area Americorps volunteers, veterinarians, and animal control officers from St Landry and St Martin Parishes in pet evacuation and sheltering. Thirty one people trained.

May 9-13- Concluded our second LSART Bootcamp at the LSU School of Veterinary medicine with participation from TX SART and MART (Texas and Mississippi Animal Response Teams) trained 30 animal responders in Large animal handling, Technical ropes rescue and Large animal rescue techniques. Posted a list of people willing to receive horses evacuating from potential flood areas on WWW.LSART.ORG

May -3-14- Deployed the LSART truck and trailer as well as two slack water rescue teams from Calcasieu Parish Animal Services and an LSART shelter worker (Lois Woodward, Monroe, La) Memphis to assist as an IFAW International Fund for Animal Welfare emergency relief network partner.