

Exercise Name: Louisiana State Animal Response Tabletop Exercise (TTX)

Exercise Date June 24, 2025 8am -5 pm

Exercise Overview

1. **Knowledge of Plans:** Parishes and State agencies along with their partners, will have familiarity with local and/or state emergency plans to ensure a safe and timely response to animals in need.
2. **Evacuation and Transport:** Parishes and State agencies along with their partners will be able to demonstrate an effective strategy for evacuating and transporting community and shelter-owned animals.
3. **Animal Sheltering:** Parishes and State agencies along with their partners will demonstrate an ability to set-up and manage all three types of animal sheltering (Animal Only, Co-Located, and Co-Habitated) for 50 animals over two weeks.
4. **ASAR:** Parishes and State agencies will demonstrate an ability to manage and respond with local and national partners to requests for animal search and rescue.
5. **Scope** This exercise is a TTX, planned for 8 hours at Opelousas Civic Center, Opelousas, LA. Exercise play is limited to Louisiana parishes, state agencies involved with animal rescue and sheltering, Federal, national, and state partners
6. **Mission Area(s)** Response and Recovery
7. **Core Capabilities** Mass Care, Mass SAR operations, Operational Coordination, Operational Communications, Evacuation and Reunification

Objectives

1. LDAF will demonstrate a knowledge of the LDAF natural disaster state response plan and their disaster operations plan by successfully managing multiple requests for assistance with livestock and/or companion animal transportation and sheltering for a two-week period.
2. LDAF will ensure the safety of all animals and employees involved in the transportation and sheltering of pets over the course of a two-week period.

3. St Charles parish will demonstrate an ability to work with partners to set-up and assist as needed a co-located shelter (CLS) containing 50 animals for 14 days.
4. St Charles parish will work with parish OEP and SAR teams to ensure that internal and partner ASAR teams are integrated and successfully responding to ASAR requests.
5. Jefferson parish will demonstrate their ability to work with partners to open, manage, and provide quality of care as needed for a co-habitated shelter (CHS) for 50 animals for 14 days.\
6. Jefferson parish will work with Fire SAR teams to ensure that internal and partner ASAR teams are integrated and successfully responding to ASAR requests.
7. Orleans parish will demonstrate their ability to open, manage, and provide quality of care for their Shelter of Refuge consisting of 200 animals for 3-5 days.
8. Orleans parish will utilize outside partners to staff and provide quality of care for 200 LA-SPCA owned animals in a facility out of harm's way.
9. Terrebonne parish will determine the effectiveness of their evacuation plan by discussing the components needed to effectively transfer all owned animals to an in-parish shelter within 72 hours of landfall.
10. Terrebonne parish will demonstrate their ability to decompress their shelter by transporting owned animals and staff to Monroe within 72 hours of landfall.
11. Calcasieu parish will provide the specifics on their transitional plan - how, when, and where they will evacuate animals: how many animals they can safely manage; and the steps they will take to maintain a manageable number of animals in shelter through rescue and animal control activities.

Threat or Hazard Hurricane

Scenario A hurricane is projected to hit Louisiana with a potential impact to domestic and farm animals.

Sponsors Louisiana State Animal Response Team (LSART); Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF); Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Programs (GOHSEP); Volunteer Louisiana

Participating Organizations LSART, LDAF, Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Programs. (GOHSEP), Coastal parishes Emergency Management and Animal Services, National Animal Rescue and Sheltering Coalition (NARSC), National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs. (NASAAEP), American Red Cross (State and National)

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