

HOPE ANIMAL-ASSISTED CRISIS RESPONSE

Report of Team Welfare Committee

March 22, 2009

Committee Members:

Chair: Claudine Singer
Member: Roxanna Sanchez
Member: Diane Valantine
Member: Judy Johns (Certified Animal Safety Rep for American Humane)
Ex Officio: Dave Valantine
Advisor: Dean Cerf, DVM (Veterinary Consultant)

Purpose of the committee:

The purpose of the Team Welfare committee was to research, and assemble in a manual format, the necessary and extremely important policies for both **personal care and humane treatment of HOPE AACR animals while on duty.**

Scope of Project

The completed Team Welfare Guidelines, in PDF format is now posted on our website for everyone's reading pleasure. The SOS Card document has also been launched. I have received about 14 requests so far for the card. I am preparing those and laminating them in a 7 mil pouch and providing a name tag clip with each order.

The next phase of this project will be to finalize a Power Point Presentation for the purpose of training HOPE AACR teams. I plan on having a committee meeting at the end of April to review the format and contents of this power point presentation.

Again I would like to thank my Committee Members for their devotion, the constant brainstorming and "homework" that went on for so long! This project could not have been completed without each and everyone's commitment. As the Committee Chair, I consider myself truly blessed by all of my teammate's continued support and friendship.

For the profound love of our canine partners and their unconditional devotion, I remain

Pawsitively,

Claudine Singer
Team Welfare Chair