

What about liability?

Veterinarians and other medical professionals that are officially called to support a state or local incident are indemnified under Wisconsin state code. All officially mobilized volunteers are covered under the State of Wisconsin's worker's compensation program if injured.



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Volunteer to help animals during times of need.





What is the Wisconsin Animal Response Corps?

The Wisconsin Animal Response Corps, or WARC, is a group of trained volunteers who can respond to emergencies involving animals anywhere in the State of Wisconsin. WARC is a unit of the Medical Reserve Corps and partners with state, local, tribal and federal agencies. Volunteers may be called upon during an Animal Disease Response or a Disaster Response. All deployments are voluntary.

What are the requirements?

- Volunteers must register in WEAVR
- Veterinarians, vet techs and other animal care professionals must be licensed and in good standing
- Completion of Incident Command System (ICS) 100 and 700 online training
- No prior disaster experience required
- Training opportunities are provided





What training is provided?

All training required or provided for WARC volunteers is free, and in many cases, continuing education credits are available. Some training opportunities include:

- General incident management & response
- Disaster sheltering
- Veterinary field medicine
- Sample collection and surveillance
- Animal handling and rescue techniques
- Proper wear and use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

How do I volunteer?

Volunteering for WARC is done on the Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry (WEAVR) website https://weavrwi.org.

We are in need of the following volunteers:

- Veterinarians (Current, Retired or Student)
- Veterinarian Technicians
- Veterinarian Assistants
- Livestock and Poultry Producers
- Animal Caregivers
- Anyone skilled in handling any kind of animal large, small, domestic or exotic
- Shelter staffing

How to Get Involved with WARC

- Join WARC by registering through the **Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry (WEAVR)**, a program managed by the Wisconsin
 Department of Health Services. Learn more and sign up on the WEAVR
 website: https://weavrwi.org
- All required WARC training is **free**, with many opportunities offering **continuing education credits**. These trainings equip volunteers with the skills needed to make a meaningful impact in crisis situations.
- Once your application is approved, you'll be added to the **WARC Volunteer Registry**. When volunteers are needed, notifications are sent through WEAVR via **phone, text, or email**. All deployments are completely voluntary—meaning you decide when and where you're able to assist.

