

Sun City Palm Desert

Emergency Preparedness & Response

Pet Rescue Team Orientation

2026

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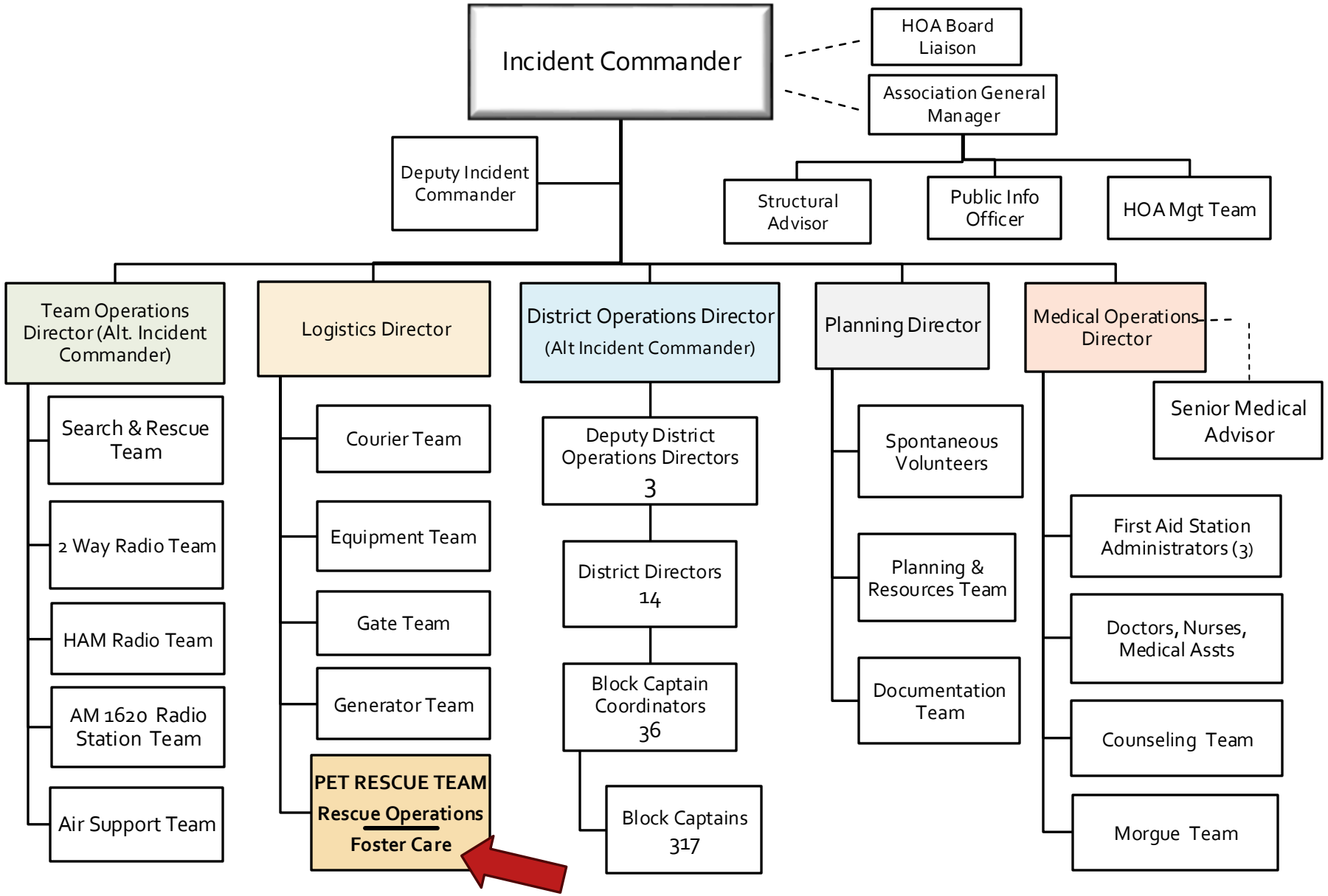


Pet Rescue Team Orientation
Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions
- Structure of the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Est 1994
- Pet Rescue Team – Roles and Responsibility
- Pet Rescue Deployment
- Foster Care Deployment
- Safety and Rest Periods are Essential
- Equipment and Supplies
- Save the Dates
- Keep in Touch

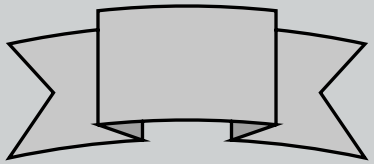
Sun City Palm Desert Community Association

Incident Command Structure



11/18/2026 (RM)

Pet Rescue Team



Role & Responsibilities

Goal: Provide aid to pets who get separated from their owners in a disaster, while always protecting yourself and the team from becoming injured.

- ***Before a disaster:***
  - Community outreach and preparedness
  - Train volunteers in Pet First Aid, and Safe Rescue Techniques.
  - Learn and practice skills and test equipment
  - Pre-identify temporary foster homes, water and food storage

- ***During a Disaster when 911 Services are not Available***
  - Safe and effective rescue of pets separated from their owners. Proper management of pet shelter.
  - Place as many lost pets as possible in foster care

- ***After a Disaster:***
  - Reunite pets with their owners.
  - Place pets in temporary and permanent foster homes or shelters

Pet Rescue Team Deployment

- At the onset of a disaster, check your family, homes, and pets.
- Bring your personalized "go bag" for own use. Food, water, cell phone charger, personal items.
- *Pet Rescue Team Members report to the Pickleball Courts* (Mountain View Outdoor Sports Complex) using the Rear entrance. Avoid First Aid Station @ Bldg D
- ***Foster care locations, report to Pickleball Courts before dark.***
- Assignment of duties, operating hours, work shifts will be decided by Team Lead according to needs as volunteers arrive.
- Possible assignments at the on-site shelter:
  - Setting up Pet Rescue Operation
  - Registration / Intake /Kennel Placement
  - Kennel Management. Care &Feeding. Monitor behavior.
  - Round-up Teams (2 person teams). Rescue stray pets, collect stored food and water.
  - Discharge - reuniting pets with owners or relocating to temporary foster homes.

PET FOSTER CARE Deployment

Goal: place unclaimed pets in temporary foster homes

- At the onset of a disaster, check your family, homes, and pets.
- Stabilize your situation.
- Prepare your home & yard to receive foster pets.
- Gather your personalized "go bag" for own use. Food, water, cell phone charger, personal items.
- Report ***before dark*** to the Pickleball Courts (Mountain View Outdoor Sports Complex) using the rear entrance off the parking lot east side.
- Check in with the volunteer coordinator. State your availability to foster.
- Discharge will document all pets leaving the shelter.
- Unsupervised pets cannot stay in pickleball courts overnight.

Pet Rescue Team Response

Rescue Operations assemble at the Pickleball Courts – East Side
Foster Care – Stand by

Sign In and receive an assignment from the Team Lead.

2 team members will have special assignments.

All other team members start transferring supplies and signage to pickleball courts

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Pick up 2-way Radios.
Pick up Golf Cart at the Cart Barn(MVCH)

Safety

Check out safety of area.
Secure exterior gates.
Change "No Pets" signs.

Registering Animals & Kennel Placement "A"

- Register & Tag Pets
- Initial Assessment
- Determine Proper Kennel
- Documenting

Kennel Mgmt "B, C, D, E, F"

- Care/Feeding
- Behavior Monitoring
- Security
- Documenting

Round Up Team (in the field)

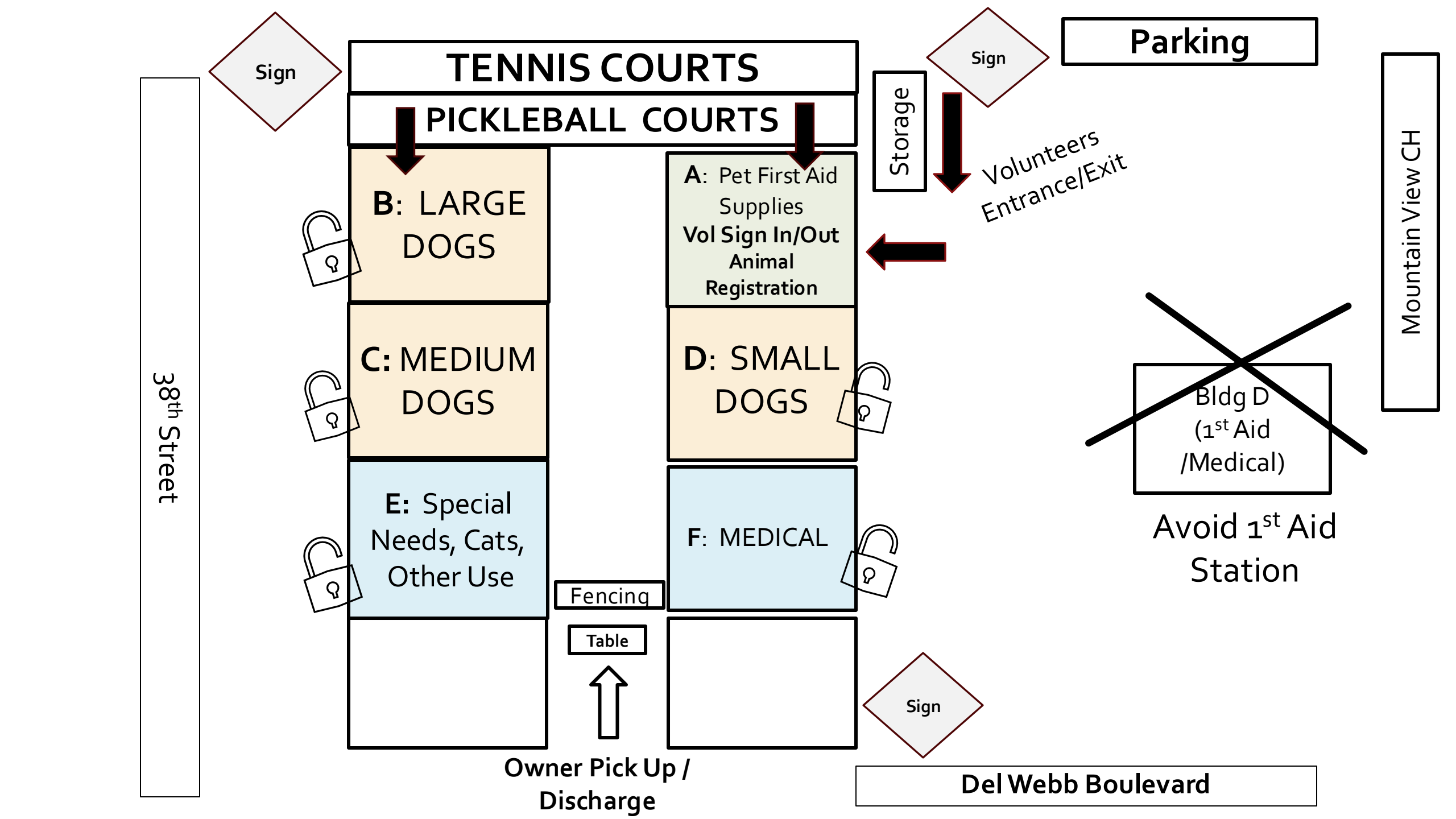
- Rescue
- Help deliver pets to foster homes
- Collect Stored Water and Food
- Documenting

Discharge

- Reuniting Pets w/ owners or foster
- Documenting

Foster Care

- Provide safe environment in a resident's home.
- Keeps in touch with main shelter to help reunite pets w/owners.


Sign
TENNIS COURTS
PICKLEBALL COURTS
Sign
Parking
Storage
Volunteers Entrance/Exit
Mountain View CH
38th Street
B: LARGE DOGS
A: Pet First Aid Supplies
Vol Sign In/Out
Animal Registration
C: MEDIUM DOGS
D: SMALL DOGS
Bldg D (1st Aid /Medical)
Avoid 1st Aid Station
E: Special Needs, Cats, Other Use
F: MEDICAL
Fencing
Table
Sign
Owner Pick Up / Discharge
Del Webb Boulevard

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Partial List of the Equipment/Supplies Available to Pet Rescue Operations

- Blankets, towels
- Feeding and watering bowls; Water Pump
- Collars, Leashes, Leads, Muzzles
- Folding crates, fencing
- Canopies
- Microchip Reader
- 2 way radios, walkie talkies, batteries
- Protective Gear: Helmets, Gloves
- Cat Litter, boxes, scooper, waste bags
- Sanitizing supplies
- First Aid Supplies, bandage strips, gauze, scissors
- Exterior Lighting, Headlamps, Lanterns, Generator
- Padlocks for shelter areas.

Storage Areas near the Pickleball Courts, and at the RV Lot.

<u>Personal</u> Emergency Bag/Backpack

- Identification, Personal Medical Information, Emergency Contact/s
- Nonperishable energy bars and snacks
- Cell phone and charger
- Prescription glasses and medicines
- Extra socks, light jacket, hat, sunglasses
- Personal water bottle, plus supply of water
- Flashlight, batteries
- Pen and small notebook to document

Try to keep weight at a minimum

Safety and Rest Periods are Essential

- Your safety is #1 priority.
- Need an ID Badge? Let us know on the sign-in sheet.
- Training is essential for all team members.
- Pet Roundup activity is always a 2-member team with a 2 way radio. Advanced training required.
- Remember to take frequent breaks.
- Hydrate – hydrate – hydrate. Eat whenever possible.

Save these Dates

- **Friday, November 20, 2026. 10:00 am.** Radio Training. Contact Scott for reservations & location: Radio.EPC@scpdca.com
- **Tuesday, January 26, 2027. 9-11:30 am. Sierra Ballroom**. "Surviving the Big One". Learn about disaster preparation and response. Share info with residents about Pet Rescue Operations and Foster Care.
- **Thursday, February 25, 2027. 9-11:30 am.** Community Wide Practice Drill. Meet at the Pickleball Courts – Near Storage Area. Use the East Entrance. Foster Care Parents welcome. Evaluate at end.
- EPC Website. https://epc.scpdcaclubs.com

Thank you for Volunteering

- Working together to make a difference in our community.
- Teamwork and comradery amongst the Pet Rescue Team members makes this worthwhile and enjoyable.
- We are here to help you learn and become involved to the extent you wish
- **One last ask -** This team needs help with administrative tasks. Is this you? The need is simple – maintain a roster and send email notices to team members.

- Remember to Keep in Touch.
  - ✓ General inquiries Email: EPC@scpdca.com

