










## HOW TO VOLUNTEER FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE

You can make a difference in the lives of animals affected by a natural disaster. To join a Best Friends Emergency Shelter Operations Team (ESOT), follow the steps below.

### Requirements for ESOT participation:

- 1. Watch the Emergency Response Informational Webinar at [bestfriends.org/ERvolunteervideo](https://bestfriends.org/ERvolunteervideo).
- 2. Sign the Volunteer Commitment Letter at [bestfriends.org/ERVCL](https://bestfriends.org/ERVCL). *(Signing this will notify us of your interest in joining ESOT and ensure that you receive updates regarding the program.)*
- 3. Complete prerequisite training through FEMA's online Emergency Management Institute.
  -  [IS-700.b An Introduction to the National Incident Management System \(NIMS\)](#)
  -  [IC-800.c National Response Framework, an Introduction](#)
- 4. Submit FEMA certificates of completion to the Best Friends Volunteer Center:
  -  [bestfriends.org/FEMA700submit](https://bestfriends.org/FEMA700submit)
  -  [bestfriends.org/FEMA800submit](https://bestfriends.org/FEMA800submit)
- 5. Attend an ESOT one-day training. Here's the 2020 training schedule:
  -  Atlanta metro area: February 29
  -  Washington, D.C., metro area: March 14
  -  Kanab, Utah: Saturday, April 25
  -  Salt Lake City, Utah: July 18
  -  Seattle, Washington: August 29