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DARTCC RECEIVES $40,000 GRANT

Emergency Animal Shelter App Developer Receives Grant from an Animal Welfare Foundation

Waterbury, VT – August 5, 2024 – DART Command Central, a nonprofit who is developing a mobile app to help communities prepare for disasters and manage temporary emergency pet shelters, is pleased to announce a second grant from The Irving and Phyllis Millstein Foundation for Animal Welfare, for $40,000. The Foundation is 'An Animal-Centered Philanthropy®,' and among its giving priorities are grants for animal relocation, care, and shelter support during emergencies.

This additional grant will help us to continue developing the Emergency Animal Shelter platform (EASApp^{TM}) in several crucial ways, delivering the following to volunteers and teams:

- An easy-to-understand mobile solution to streamline the care of animals at a disaster shelter
- A central platform to manage volunteer and team profiles, memorandums of understanding, and shelter data
- A platform to train, test, and deploy an emergency shelter for animals and document their care
- Detailed reports and data exports for local, state, and federal requirements

"We are deeply grateful for this second grant," said Deb Shelby, founder of DARTCC. "The continued support will help us launch EASApp^{TM} this fall, and their support demonstrates the tool's potential value for others."

The funding will be used to launch the EASApp^{TM} Shelter Module as a fully functional solution. EASApp^{TM} can then be used during deployment on any mobile device, as well as computers. but currently, it will still require Internet access at the shelter to ensure all users see the same data. DARTCC is seeking additional funding to implement full, offline functionality, and allow us to continue giving the EASApp to volunteer teams at no cost.

Climate change is causing more and more disaster emergencies, making disaster preparedness more critical than ever. In the past two years, Vermont experienced three major floods. DARTCC provided a paperless

Shelter Module to volunteers and teams at no cost, and with additional funding and support, we can continue to improve DARTCC to better prepare for such disasters.

Please visit dartcc.org to learn more and make a tax-deductible donation.

About DARTCC: Disasters are far too common. And volunteer-run emergency pet shelters need more support. With DARTCC, data management resides in one place, allowing volunteers to focus on pet care, not paperwork. DARTCC: an easy-to-learn web/mobile operations platform that anyone can use, anywhere disaster strikes.