

**Township of West Milford**  
Passaic County, New Jersey

**~ Resolution 2024 - 156 ~**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WEST MILFORD TOWNSHIP  
COMMUNITY ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, many communities are establishing Community Animal Response Teams (“CART”) in order to educate residents about disaster preparation involving animals and responding to the needs of animals during a disaster. This training provides CART members with the ability to assist their families, co-workers and communities in the event of a disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, a successful Community Animal Response Team program involves commitment by the residents, local government, emergency management and response agencies such as police, fire and first aid squad personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Milford intends to establish an Community Animal Emergency Response Team; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Management Coordinator has met to discuss the advantages and procedures for forming a “Community Animal Response Team” for West Milford Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Management Coordinator has also met with other local communities who have an established Community Animal Response Team program to review the formation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Milford Township Governing Body supports the establishment of a local Community Animal Response Team “West Milford CART” program within the township; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the Governing Body of the Township of West Milford hereby agree to establish the West Milford Township Community Animal Response Team “West Milford CART” under the direction of the West Milford Township Office of Emergency Management.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** as part of the initial actions necessary to form the West Milford Township Community Animal Response Team “West Milford CART,” the Office of Emergency Management shall develop a management and operations plan as well as a budget including proposed funding sources which will be subject to review and approval by the Township Governing Body to the extent that any funds are to be expended by the Township. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: April 3, 2024

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2024  
and certified as a true copy of an original.

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William Senande, Township Clerk