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EMERGENCY RESCUE AND SHELTERING TRAILER FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND RESCUE

The City of St. Joseph, Missouri, Animal Control and Rescue recently received an Emergency Animal Rescue and Sheltering Trailer. The trailer, which has the capacity to house up to 48 animals, was purchased with a \$44,785.00 grant authorized by the Missouri Homeland Security Office.



Flooding this past spring and summer affected many residents and their pets in northwest Missouri. Limited resources were available on a local level for assistance with the displacement of animals. The acquisition of this rescue trailer will enhance the response to disaster, evacuations, and large impoundments of domestic animals in Region H of Northwest, Missouri.

Animal Control and Rescue is developing a Memorandum of Understanding with the counties of Region H to address the use of the trailer, mutual responsibility, and temporary housing of domestic pets in the event of a disaster or emergency.

The rescue trailer is equipped with a fresh-water holding tank, a disposal holding tank, interior and exterior lights, generator, exterior doors that open for viewing animals, and a built-in sink. It is constructed of aluminum for easy cleaning, disinfecting and maintenance.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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