**House Marking System**

**Animal Search and Rescue**

The following house marking system is proposed by the National Animal Rescue and Sheltering Coalition (NARSC) to be used by their members and other animal rescue groups. The intent of this system is to provide information on the status of animals left in a home or structure following a disaster.

The markings will identify the numbers of animals in the structure, their disposition, and the date and time that they were last observed. In addition, the marking system will provide information to the rescue community on potential hazards within the structure and the name of the group that performed the search and information on where an animal was taken if removed.

Inside the orange triangle will be the agency name, date and time at which the structure was searched and any hazards that were found. Those hazards could include natural (utilities, structural) or animal concerns (fractious or dangerous).

The three squares outside each leg of the triangle provide information on various species: upper left for dogs, upper right for cats, and bottom for other species. Within the squares will be information on the disposition of the animals and the efforts made by the rescue group.

Agency Name

Number of other animals

Live/Dead

Circle if unable to rescue

Number of Cats

Live/Dead

Circle if unable to rescue

Number of Dogs

Live/Dead

Circle if unable to rescue

 Time

Hazards

Date