Hoarding Resources

Hoarding of Animals Research Consortium (HARC)

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**Hoarding of Animals Research Consortium (HARC)** was founded as an informal group of individuals concerned about human and animal welfare who are also interested in exploring the problem of animal hoarding to find more effective and humane solutions. The group published a community intervention manual in 2006 that details varying aspects of hoarding and treatment methodology. The Consortium also explores the relationship between people and companion animals, which helps in the understanding of how a positive, beneficial, relationship can become very one sided and go terribly wrong, harming people and animals alike. The website provides many resources that professionals intervening with hoarding can access. The overall goal of HARC is to eliminate stereotypes and increase the baseline level of awareness of hoarding among those involved in caring for animals.

Children of Hoarders

Website: http://childrenofhoarders.com/wordpress/

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**Children of Hoarders** attempts to improve the lives of children from hoarded homes by raising awareness of the impact of hoarding on children, families, and communities. Their organization also provides educational materials and programs for children of hoarders, families, and the community. **Children of Hoarders** is an advocate for public policies that effectively address the needs of children of hoarders. Their overall goal is to build reciprocal relationships with clinicians and key professionals.
The Hoarding Handbook
By: Christiana Bratiotis, Cristina Sorrentino, & Gail Steketee. (2011), 256 pages.

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The Hoarding Handbook addresses hoarding at all levels, including the different types and different levels of severity. The book offers insight into animal hoarding and the public health and safety issues that relate to it. It ends by offering the steps people can take to stop their hoarding problems or to help others stop theirs.

Hoarding: How You Can Help
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Hoarding: How You Can Help focuses on defining hoarding and types of hoarding. The guide illustrates hoarding warning and condition signs, explaining specific safety issues associated with hoarding, and identifying resources that can assist with hoarding cases. The guide stresses that hoarding is a medical condition. Hoarding not only affects the hoarder, but it affects the other people in their lives, requiring a multi disciplinary response.
Arlington County created the **Hoarding Task Force** in 2003 to address the approximately 40 to 65 hoarding cases the County responds to each year. Staff works to protect the community from the dangers associated with hoarding, while still observing the affected person’s right to privacy. The hoarding task force meets monthly and is comprised of staff from Code Enforcement, the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Arlington County Fire Department. Employees from other departments, such as the police department, may also become involved in certain cases.

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The main goal of the **International OCD Foundation** is to help individuals with obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and related disorders to live full and productive lives. Their aims are to increase access to effective treatment, end the stigma associated with mental health issues, and foster a community for those affected by OCD and the professionals who treat them. This foundation has information about hoarding and treatments for hoarding that is associated with OCD.
This article describes an interdisciplinary approach to the problem of animal hoarding. The authors identify key stakeholders involved with hoarding and the cooperation and integration needed to create a new approach to animal hoarding. The article defines types of animal hoarding as well as the specific intervention methods needed to respond to each type of hoarding. The authors offer information on how to decrease the likelihood of recidivism.