

APHIS Animal Care Emergency Programs


Vision for Future Hurricane Response

United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service





USDA APHIS Animal Care Vision

- Animal Care Emergency Programs envisions
 - a nation working together to protect the public through ensuring the safety and well-being of animals during disasters.
- AC EP Business Plan




Animal Care Emergency Programs Project List

1. Support planning and exercises
 - States, Tribal Nations, Territories, Local
2. Develop a national resource list for pets
3. Facilitate “best practice” working groups
4. Train AC personnel for projected missions
5. Retrospective studies
6. Transportation environments
7. Participate in APHIS IMT development
8. Contingency planning support – AWA facilities
9. Animal health response – welfare issues



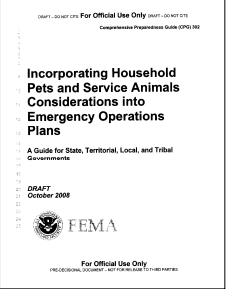

Planning and exercises

- Looking to partner with states on planning workshops and exercises:
 - SAADRA planning workshop
 - CA planning workshop
 - Future ASAR, decon, other drills





Guidance

- CPG-302 (FEMA)
 - Several draft versions
 - “Near ready”
 - AC has not seen latest rendition
 - Need release to ensure everyone is working from the same playbook

Sample plans

- AVMA
 - http://www.avma.org/disaster/state_resources/default.asp
 - Listing of links to all available state plans for animals and livestock
- Colorado – model local plan
 - <http://dola.colorado.gov/dem/plans/plans.htm>
- Oregon- State plan
 - <http://oregon.gov/ODA/AHID/index.shtml> (select OR Response plan for animals in disaster on lower left)
- Texas – Local Animal Issues Committee Planning guide
 - <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/emergency/AnimalIssuesCommitteeGuidance.pdf>



Contingency Planning



- **Develop guidance and support materials for proposed regulation.**
- **Goal: All AWA regulated facilities have at least basic contingency plans**

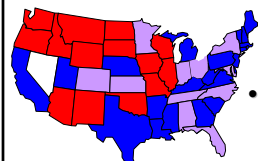


Animal Care Emergency Programs

- **Employee Training and Development Plan**
 - 4 Tiers of AC response personnel
 - Basic
 - Animal Welfare Officer
 - AC Team Leader
 - AC Task Force Leader
 - Mission specific certifications
 - Field Specialties
 - Developmental assignments
- **Introduction to Animal Emergency Management**



NASAAEP Partnership



- **Goal:**
 - Continue to utilize NASAAEP to leverage USDA support of states
- **2009 National Summit on Companion Animal Emergency Management**
 - Projected – November 2009



Coordinated Federal Support for Pets

- **Among ESFs 6,8,9,11 and 14**
- **“Household Pets Support Team” concept**
 - Inter-ESF group under ESF#6
 - Led by APHIS Animal Care
 - Includes ESF representatives, NGOs, other stakeholders and support staff
 - Facilitate state resource requests
 - Actively support communication and networking between state, Federal, Tribal and NGOs



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