

AVMA Situation Report 11 – Hurricane Ivan

Date: 9/17/04

AVMA Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMAT)

Four VMAT members are on the ground at the Alabama State Emergency Operations Center to assess veterinary and public health issues, and assist with large animal needs. There are 3 veterinarians and 1 veterinary technician deployed at this time.

Operational Period: 1900 9/16/04 through 1900 9/17/04

Incident Objectives Completed During Operational Period:

1. Monitored Florida Emergency Support Function-17 (ESF 17, animal/agriculture) current reports.
2. Monitored Storm track of Hurricane Ivan remnants.
3. Rostered team members for possible deployment.
4. Liason with state veterinarians of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi.
5. Team member diverted from Joint Management Team (JMT) in Jackson, Mississippi to Alabama State Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
6. Deployed 3 additional team members to Alabama State EOC.
7. Team members instructed to notify Administrative Officer if any change in deployment status.

Number of Animals treated total: None

Number of veterinary infrastructure assessments completed: None

Medications Distributed: None

Areas of Need:

The Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association and the *Louisiana Horseman's Guide* have asked that if you have stalls or facilities available to house evacuated horses, please visit www.lahg.net/EMERGENCY%20PAGES/ivaninfo.html. You will find evacuation site information, hurricane safety information, horse health record forms, and volunteer information (for transporting or fostering horses) at this site. The above Information was provided from:

<http://www.thehorse.com/viewarticle.aspx?clD=7wjVfmdGJHuRDupdNOtCcq%3d%3d>.

Monetary donations can be made to the Florida Veterinary Medical Foundation. FVMF monies assist agencies and veterinary practices that provide complimentary medical care in response to the hurricanes, and practices that are financially in need of humanitarian aid. To donate to the Florida veterinary relief effort, visit www.fvma.com or call the FVMA Helpline at 800/ 992-3862.

Contributions are also being collected by the American Veterinary Medical Foundation to help animals impacted by the hurricanes and to support AVMA Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMAT). The AVMF has a secure web site for donations, www.avmf.org, or you can call 800/248-2862, Ext. 6689.

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The veterinary communities in Jamaica and Grenada have been severely damaged. Any veterinarians or veterinary technicians wishing to assist with recovery efforts in Jamaica or Grenada are urged to contact Christina Gabela, HSUS international relief coordinator, at CGabela@HSIHSUS.org, or:

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