

AVMA Situation Report 16 – Hurricane Ivan (Final Report)

Date: 9/22/04

AVMA Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMAT)

Operational Period: 1900 9/20/04 through 1900 9/21/04

Incident Objectives Completed During Operational Period:

1. VMAT members going home.
2. Demobilized 4-member strike team staged at Ft. Rucker, Alabama.
3. Team remains ready in the event of further storm activity.
4. Team members instructed to notify Administrative Officer if any change in deployment status.
5. Team will unload trucks and return home.

Florida State Emergency Operations Center

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1. Carry out incident objectives SAFELY
2. Complete assessment of large animal needs in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.
Potential needs to be assessed:
 - A. Rescue and relocation
 - B. Temporary shelter
 - C. Veterinary care
 - D. Feed and water
 - E. Carcass Disposal
3. Maintain contact with County ESF 17 coordinators and monitor Tracker.
4. Recovery and response activities
 - A. Coordinate feed/supply distribution to Santa Rosa, Escambia, and Okaloosa county distribution sites
 - B. Offer assistance to local authorities in catching loose livestock
 - C. Make space at animal shelters for displaced companion animals
 - D. Assist animal shelters
5. Reduce size of the Large Animal Assessment Division as assessments near completion.

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.lahq.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?cID=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 Help line 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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