

AVMA Florida Tornado Disaster Update # 1

(This information is subject to change as additional information becomes available)

Event: **Central Florida Tornado Update**
Date: February 5, 2007
Situation: AVMA Disaster Situation Report

Florida Report: Tornadoes in Central Florida

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The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been up and running since Friday morning (2/2/07) and personnel assessed the affected areas on 2/2/07.

Frequent contact was made by the State EOC with the local EOCs in the affected counties. Local resources were available to meet the needs from an animal and agricultural standpoint. State Agriculture Response Team (SART) groups were on standby in the event that they were needed but have not been called upon. Adjacent counties provided some assistance with small animal issues, as requested.

American Red Cross Updates

<http://redcross.tallytown.com/gdt.html>

AVMA Veterinary Medical Assistance Team (VMAT) Update

VMAT has not been activated for this disaster event.

Join VMAT: For information on joining a VMAT team for response during future disasters visit www.avma.org/disaster.

The VMAT efforts are made possible from an annual grant from the **American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF)**. Those interested in contributing to the Animal Disaster Relief and Response Fund can send a check to the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, Department 20-1122, P.O. Box 5940, Carol Stream, IL 60197, with "Animal Disaster Relief and Response Fund" written on the check's note section. Online donations are accepted at www.avmf.org.

AVMA and AVMF Resources:

Get a free copy of ***Saving the Whole Family*** and ***Disaster Preparedness for Veterinary Practices*** today and start preparing for disasters before they strike again! www.avma.org/disaster

[AVMF offers disaster grants to veterinarians](http://www.avmf.org) *The American Veterinary Medical Foundation has established guidelines for requesting reimbursable out-of-pocket expenses. Click on the link above or go to www.avmf.org.*

The American Veterinary Medical Foundation has established grants for restoring the veterinary infrastructure affected by disasters.

Interim Guidelines for Animal Health and Control of Disease Transmission in Pet Shelters

These Interim Guidelines have been developed by consultation between the American Veterinary Medical Association and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and are advisory in nature. They are intended to provide guidance for the care of animals entering shelters and for persons working with or handling the animals in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The guidance reflects information available as of September 27, 2005 and may be updated as more information becomes available.

http://www.avma.org/aa/hurricane/disease_control.asp

Animals in Public Shelters

The following document was developed by consultation between the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Veterinary Medical Association and is advisory in nature. Guidance reflects information available as of September 22, 2005 and may be updated as additional information becomes available. http://www.avma.org/aa/hurricane/public_shelters.asp