



APPENDIX #2
TO
EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION #6
ANIMAL PROTECTION

PRIMARY AGENCIES:

State: Department of Agriculture – Animal Services Division (ADA-ASD)
Division of Emergency Management (ADEM)
Department of Health Services (ADHS)

Private: Arizona Humane Society (AHS)
Arizona Veterinary Medical Association (AzVMA)
- Disaster Medical Committee (AzVMA-DMC)

SUPPORT AGENCIES:

State: Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)
Department of Transportation (ADOT)
Game and Fish Department (AZGFD)
Department of Emergency and Military Affairs -National Guard (DEMA)
University of Arizona - College of Agriculture (UA-COA)
(Veterinary Diagnostics Lab & Life Sciences)
Department of Water Resources (ADWR)

County/Local:

County Animal Control
County Emergency Management (CEM)
County Health Department (CPH)
County Humane Society (CHS)
Fire, Rescue, EMS
Law Enforcement

Private: American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)
Local Veterinarians

Voluntary: The Salvation Army (TSA)
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)
The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

IV. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

6. Provide guidelines for rapid response to emergencies/disasters affecting the health, safety and welfare of animals.
7. Establish direction and control structure for planning and responding to disasters and emergencies that impact domestic animals including pets, certain non-commercial livestock, and zoological collections.

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I. INTRODUCTION – CONT

B. Scope

6. The focus of this appendix is on pets. This includes dogs, cats, birds, horses, and other animals that have not been bred as agricultural livestock and considered to be “companion animals”. However, it will also apply to wildlife when disaster conditions affect the interface with human populations.
7. This annex is applicable to state, local, and private agencies with response and support capabilities for the rescue, care, and disposition of animals during emergencies.
8. This annex shall be activated at the direction of the Director, Division of Emergency Management (or designee), when local response capabilities are insufficient or inadequate to respond to an incident that impacts domestic animals and wildlife.
9. The Foreign Animal Disease Incident Annex (see page FAD-1) addresses planned response to biological infections and infestations that affect agricultural livestock and associated food products.

V. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

- A. A disaster may cause substantial suffering or death to animals, wild and domestic.
- B. Pets are considered by many of their owners to be an intrinsic part of their household and insist they be treated accordingly.
- C. An emergency or disaster will release significant numbers of otherwise confined pets and livestock.
- D. Events such as fire, flood, and drought will cause wildlife to encroach on human habitats and will require capture and removal.
- E. Disasters and emergencies increase the potential for domestic animals and wildlife to contract and transmit diseases.
- F. Some disaster scenarios could result in mass fatalities of animals. A disaster involving significant numbers of dead animals will create a substantial public health problem.
- G. A terrorist incident involving the use of WMD agent(s) could contaminate large populations and species of domestic animals.
- H. Certain animal food supplies may become contaminated, destroyed or in limited supply as a result of emergency/disaster.

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VI. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. The Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) will assume overall responsibility for coordinating state resources applied to Animal Protection during emergency/disaster response operations.
- B. Primary and Support agencies will provide representatives to the SEOC Operations Group to provide advice and coordination upon request by the Director, ADEM, or authorized representative.
- C. The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) is responsible for wildlife issues.
- D. The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) is responsible for the state rabies control program and other programs involving the communication of infectious diseases between animals and humans.
- E. The Arizona Humane Society (AHS) is chartered to and assumes responsibility for the shelter, care, rescue and adoption, return or disposal of displaced, stray and abandoned domesticated animals.
- F. The Arizona Veterinary Medical Association (AzVMA)-Disaster Medical Committee (DMC) coordinates with the American Veterinary Association, Coordinator of Emergency Preparedness (AVMA, COEP) to provide Disaster Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMAT) and operations. In accordance with ARS §26-310 and ARS §26-314-C, registered VMAT's may function with immunities from liability in Arizona during States of Emergency as if licensed and certified in the State of Arizona.

VII. ORGANIZATIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Primary Agencies:

- 6. **Division of Emergency Management (ADEM)** coordinates planning and establishes alert, warning, and mobilization protocols. ADEM will coordinate state agency response and recovery operations in accordance with AEMS doctrine.
- 7. **Department of Agriculture – Animal Services division (ADA-ASD)** will:
 - a. Maintain responsibility for the care of livestock. This includes licensing of zoological and wildlife parks, marine animal aquariums, and laboratory animal research facilities. These facilities are required by regulation to develop and maintain emergency action plans.
 - b. Coordinate with Department of Health Services, Arizona Humane Society, Arizona Game & Fish, and the Arizona Veterinary Medical Association on the development of a plan to dispose of mass fatality contaminated and non-contaminated carcasses from impacted area.

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IV. ORGANIZATIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES – CONT

A. Primary Agencies: - Cont

8. **Department of Health Services (ADHS) will:**
 - a Establish policies and regulations with respect to animals that are infected or suspected to be infected with rabies and have bitten humans.
 - b DHS-Behavioral Health will provide grief-counseling support to pet owners in coordination with the AHS.
 - c Coordinate with Department of Agriculture, Arizona Humane Society, the Arizona Game & Fish Department and the Arizona Veterinary Medical Association on the development of a plan to dispose of mass fatality contaminated and non-contaminated carcasses from impacted area.
9. **Arizona Humane Society (AHS) will:**
 - a Operate animal shelters, collection points and rescue services for displaced, stray or abandoned animals as a result of emergencies and disasters.
 - b Conduct pre-event coordination to establish MOU's with vendors, landowners, kennels, and adjoining Humane Societies to support animal collection and shelter operations and for establishing procedures to reunite animals with their owners.
 - c Consolidate and coordinate the response efforts of volunteer humane groups including grief counseling for those losing their companion animals.
 - d Provide critical incident stress management counseling for AHS staff as required.
 - e Coordinate with Department of Health Services, Department of Agriculture, Arizona Game & Fish and the Arizona Veterinary Medical Association on the development of a plan to dispose of mass fatality contaminated and non-contaminated carcasses from impacted area.
10. **Arizona Veterinary Medical Association (AzVMA) will:**
 - a Cooperate and coordinate with AHS and local Humane Societies to accomplish AHS emergency response and recovery objectives.
 - b When requested, provide a liaison officer to the SEOC Operations Group to provide advice and coordination of pet food, equipment, pharmaceutical supplies, etc.
 - c Coordinate among AzVMA members to provide local emergency veterinary medical care to impacted areas and in extreme circumstances utilize veterinary medical facilities for limited emergency care and treatment of human patients.

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A. Primary Agencies: - Cont

- d 5. **AzVMA will:** – cont
 - e Coordinate with Department of Health Services, Arizona Humane Society, and the Department of Agriculture and the Arizona Game & Fish Department on the development of a plan to dispose of mass fatality contaminated and non-contaminated carcasses from impacted area.
- 11. **Disaster Medical Committee (AzVMA-DMC)** consists of representatives of AzVMA, the State Veterinarian's Office (DoAG), University of Arizona College of Agriculture (Veterinary Diagnostic Lab/Veterinary Science), Game and Fish Department, county/local animal control offices, Arizona Humane Society, and veterinarians from within the impacted jurisdiction representing large, small, and zoologic animals.
 - a The DMC will establish and operate Disaster Veterinary Medical Assistance Centers.
 - b The DMC will assume responsibility for the diagnosis and hospitalization of diseased or injured animals that may be saved and rehabilitated; and for the euthanasia and disposal of deceased animals.
 - c A committee consisting of representatives from AzVMA, the State Veterinarian's Office, University of Arizona College of Agriculture (Veterinary Diagnostic Lab/Life Sciences), Game and Fish Dept, and ADEQ will advise the Director, ADEM, on procedures for collection and disposal of mass fatalities of animals.

B. Support Agencies:

- 1. **Game and Fish Department (AZGFD)** is responsible for:
 - a The capture and relocation of wildlife.
 - b The diagnosis and hospitalization of diseased or injured wild animals that may be saved and rehabilitated; and for the euthanasia and disposal of deceased wildlife.
 - c Coordinate with Department of Health Services, Arizona Humane Society, the Department of Agriculture, and the Arizona Veterinary Medical Association on the development of a plan to dispose of mass fatality contaminated and non-contaminated carcasses from impacted area.
- 2. **University of Arizona - College of Agriculture (UA-COA)** may support disaster operations by providing laboratory and diagnostic services.
- 3. **Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)** ensures that state laws and regulations regarding solid waste disposal, water quality, and related matters are enforced.

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B. Support Agencies: - Cont

4. **Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA)** will support operations as directed by the SEOC as capabilities permit.
5. **Department of Transportation (ADOT)** will support operations as directed by the SEOC as capabilities permit.
6. **Department of Water Resources (ADWR)** will advise on groundwater contamination issues.

C. Local Agencies

1. City and County Animal Control, with the appropriate and available assistance of local law enforcement, fire-rescue-EMS, veterinary associations and humane societies, will conduct rescue, medical assistance, and shelter operations for pets and other “companion” animals.
2. Local jurisdictions will coordinate with county EOC (CEOC) the procurement of additional animal shelter(s) and shelter needs (food, cages, carriers, etc.).
3. CEOC will coordinate all unmet animal protection and shelter needs with the SEOC and local jurisdictions.
4. CEOC will coordinate activities involved with the protection of wildlife with AZGF.

VIII. APPENDIX DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

- A. ADEM will have overall responsibility for the development, review, and revision of this Appendix.
- B. Other primary and support agencies are encouraged to review and recommend changes to this Appendix.