AVMA 2023 Disaster Situational Awareness Report #4 Thursday June 1, 2023
Super Typhoon Mawar – Guam and Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)

- Wednesday May 23, 2023, a category 4 storm (Mawar) passed between Guam and the CNMI.
- Up to 98% of power customers were without power at the height of the storm. Power is slowly being restored.
- Many water treatment plants and all sewer treatment plants were non-functional after the storm.
- Significant wind and water damage is reported along with closure of some airports and ports.
- No deaths have been reported.

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Veterinary Response

- AVMA has confirmed that veterinary facilities and animal shelters have been impacted.
- Guam already had a massive problem with stray dogs and the impact of Mawar is likely to add to the problem. A 2014 estimate indicated that the 310 sq mile island had 30,000 stray dogs.
- Attempts are being made to get an animal assessment team to the area, but travel is very limited.

AVMA provides disaster preparedness, response, and recovery information at [https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/disaster-preparedness](https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/disaster-preparedness) including information on grants available from AVMF for veterinarians who are either directly impacted by a disaster or who provide care to animals impacted by disasters.

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