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New York State Veterinary Medical Society

Emergency Reserve Veterinarians needed

Veterinary Emergency Group has developed a collaborative model to help the New York veterinary community with staffing for disaster preparedness in general and specifically now, for the Covid-19 crisis.

The model will help emergency hospitals to stay open 24 hours and help local veterinary practices to shift their operations into these emergency hospitals if they are closed or unable to maintain staffing.

They are initiating a database of all NY veterinary staff who are temporarily not working, or seeking to close their own practices to identify themselves, their location and their skills in handling emergency cases.

Staff can temporarily join the emergency hospitals in several capacities:

- On-premises shifts working on emergency cases
- Home-based shifts working on reception phone-calls and tele-triage (and ready to keep the hospital open if the on-premises shift becomes ill or quarantined).

The home-based team can include veterinarians and staff who are quarantined or need to be at home for other reasons.

We would love to hear from other groups who are working together to deliver services during this disaster, and invite you to also use our career center free if you would like to let people know about the opportunity to serve.

[Apply to be an Emergency Reserve Veterinarian](#)

Webinar on the Collaborative Disaster model applied to Covid19

March 25th 7:00 pm 1 CE

Join Dr. David Bessler from Veterinary Emergency Group as he shows how their collaborative emergency response model can bring veterinarians together to increase safety while more efficiently addressing the need for essential animal care.

The collaborative end-goal is to get everyone and their animals through this safely, and then for veterinarians and patients to return to their own hospitals.

Register for webinar on safe emergency care 3/25 7:00pm

What is essential?

Here are some questions approved by our lawyer to help you decide in each case whether to see a patient:

- Will unjustifiable pain, suffering, or death result if the service is delayed?
- Does rendering the service support an essential business or function? For example, dog boarding may permit a first responder or medical worker to go to work for extended shifts.
- Does the service support public health and/or curb infectious disease in companion animal populations? Examples are rabies and parvovirus vaccinations?

The legal requirements for vaccinations remain in place.

**PLEASE RESPOND TO NATIONAL SURVEY ON PPE
AVAILABILITY**

am chairing this VMAE Task Force, so please help me provide a good response from NY State by 3pm Wednesday 25th

Brief PPE Survey - one per hospital

NYSVMS rebuilds Covid19 resource website

We are in the process of re-structuring our Covid19 resources into a series of webpages to address specific areas of concern

Vets.NYSVMS.org/Covid19

NEW: AVMA information on supply shortages and guidelines on conservation



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