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The Texas VMA's Experience Natural Disasters

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PREPARING HORSES & SHOW LIVESTOCK FOR DISASTER

Veterinary Emergency Team
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

START PLANNING!

Visit with your veterinarian to: obtain medical records, maintain core vaccinations and Coggins status, maintain test status to facilitate movement, and refill prescriptions

have your animals permanently identified (microchipped or freeze-branded)—and don't forget to keep registration information current

CREATE A "GO-KIT!"

Inside waterproof containers, include:

- 3-5 days' worth of food and water,
- 2 weeks' worth of medications, medical records, first aid supplies, cleaning supplies, and extra lead ropes, halters, and blankets

BE READY TO GO!

When it's time to leave home, be sure to:

- have your truck and trailer maintained and road-worthy, identify alternate transportation options, and know where you're going (have a list of boarding facilities and/or shelters that allow livestock)

Never leave your animals behind!

Visit vetmed.tamu.edu/vet/beprepared for a full list of tips.

PREPARING PETS FOR DISASTER

Veterinary Emergency Team
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START PLANNING!

Visit with your veterinarian to: obtain medical records, get any necessary vaccinations, and refill prescriptions, including heartworm preventatives

have your pet microchipped—and don't forget to keep account and contact information current

CREATE A "GO-KIT!"

Inside waterproof containers, include:

- 3-7 days' worth of food and water,
- 2 weeks' worth of medications, first aid supplies, and medical records

current pictures of your family and your pet (in case of separation)

cleaning supplies (waste bags; sanitizing wipes; litter, box, and scoop)

BE READY TO GO!

When it's time to leave home, be sure to:

- have transportation supplies ready (a pet carrier or crate; a leash and collar; and comfort toys, treats, blankets and stress-relief products)
- know where you're going (have a list of hotels, boarding facilities, or shelters that allow pets)

Never leave your pets behind!

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PREPARING LIVESTOCK HERDS FOR DISASTER

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Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

START PLANNING!

Visit with your veterinarian to: establish herd and individual animal identification and keep registrations current, maintain herd records, and develop biosecurity plans

TAKE PREEMPTIVE STEPS!

Identify key parts of your plan in advance:

- find alternative sites and plan evacuation routes, decide where to place equipment and feed, find resources to move livestock, take photos of all equipment, and develop a Continuity of Operations plan (The VET can help!)

BE READY TO GO!

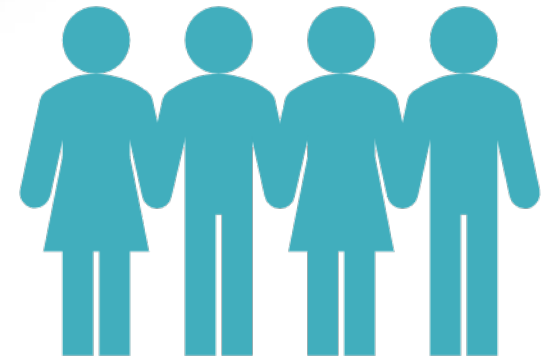
Don't wait till it's too late: allow ample time to pre-position equipment and feed sources, as well as to move livestock to safer locations

Don't depend on historical norms to inform your evacuation plans!

Always have a plan for your herd!

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Volunteers



Volunteers

- Great resource
- Can be difficult to manage
 - Cajun Navy
 - Harvey Volunteers
- No self-deployment
- Licensure issues →
- Work with other organizations to meet needs



TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY LICENSE

(During Governor declared state of disaster ONLY)

PURPOSE. This application is required for eligible persons to apply for and receive a temporary emergency license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Texas. **ONCE GRANTED, THIS LICENSE EXPIRES 120 DAYS AFTER IT'S ISSUE DATE, OR SOONER IF AN END OF DISASTER DECLARATION IS ISSUED.**

APPLICATION The completed application must be received in the Board office prior to a temporary emergency license being issued. There is no fee payable for this particular license. All requested data and information must be given. This application will not be processed nor will a temporary emergency license be issued unless the completed form has been received in its entirety.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION Please mail, hand-deliver or fax the application to: Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, 333 Guadalupe Street, Suite 3-810, Austin, Texas 78701 or fax (512)305-7556. You may also email the application to licensing@veterinary.texas.gov.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. (a) Full Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____
(b) Social Security Number _____
(c) Maiden Name (If applicable) _____
(d) Have you ever used any other name or has your name ever been changed? _____ If "yes", please explain (i.e. marriage, etc.) _____
(e) Have you ever applied to this agency before? _____ If "yes", please give the approximate date and name under which you applied and for what you applied _____
2. Mailing Address: _____
Street/apr# _____ City _____ State _____
Zip _____
3. Phone Number(s) and E-mail information: _____
(a) Residence: _____ (b) Work: _____
(c) Cell Phone: _____
(d) E-mail address: _____
(e) Fax: _____
4. Address as listed in the records with respective State Board(s) if other than "Mailing Address" given above in 1.2. _____
5. Driver's License Number and State in which issued: _____
6. Give date and place of birth: _____
7. Give accurately your present: Height _____ Weight _____ Color of Hair _____ Color of Eyes _____ Complexion _____ Distinguishing marks and/or scars, give location and description _____
8. Give the date and school where you began veterinary college/university: Date _____ School _____
you graduated: Date _____ and give the date and school from which
Name of veterinary college/university (if graduate of a foreign veterinary college, please give the name of the country) _____



Volunteers

- Organize a volunteer tracking system
 - Google Doc
 - Name
 - Area of expertise
 - DVM, LVT, Others
 - Normal practice area
 - Dates of availability
 - State licensed
 - Telephone
 - Email
 - Interested in donating supplies?

TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS



- Developed following Harvey
- Result of Disaster Preparedness Committee initiative
- TVMA helped with formation & promotion
- Limited involvement in the future



- TAMU
- Largest veterinary response team in country
- TVMRC volunteers receive training and feed into the VET

Volunteers



Donations

- Money
- Pharmaceuticals
- Supplies

Foundation

- Received significant contributions
- Grant program
- Committee formed to review grant requests



Programs





- Based on a Hurricane Katrina program
- TVMA/TVMF/Houston SPCA
- Thousands of displaced animals
- Dogs, cats, horses, moved to veterinary clinics
- Housing/food/veterinary care
- Foster homes
- TVMF Grants to clinics/foster homes
- 350 animals cared for
- 46 reunited
- 219 found new homes

Programs



Poll Question

I am confident my association is well prepared to assist our members affected by a natural disaster.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree



Questions?