Animals in Disasters Focus Group

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CADRE
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Disaster Relief Effort

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Welcome

- Welcome and Introductions

- Housekeeping and ACCESS Coordinator

- Zoom basics and etiquette

This is CADRE

- Non-government, non-profit focused on emergency management for community-based organizations, other non-profits, and the private sector

- Government and foundation grant funded

- Leadership consists of emergency managers

- Services provided include training, plan review, emergency management support

- CADRE network includes all non-government agencies and entities interested in emergency management

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Focus / Goal Today

- Current plans, gaps, and challenges

- Discussion Support Ideas

- Next Steps
  - Establish a communications network
  - Create a CADRE Animal Function team

Why Plan for Animals

- They can't plan for themselves

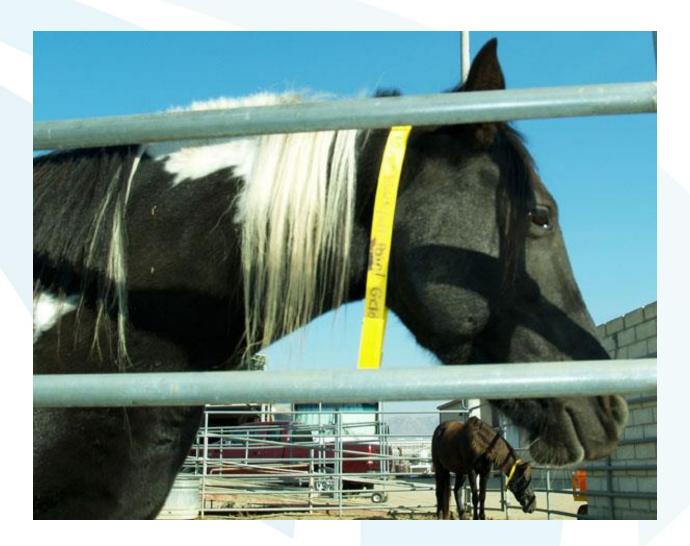- People won't evacuate without their pets

- IT'S THE LAW!

They don't Wear Shoes…

Reunification is Important

Current plans overview

- County plans for the whole Operational Area
  – Recently updated plan
  – Trailers with equipment / crates
  – Storage at Horsemen's Association for Large Animal Evacuation Teams
  – List of resources in the Emergency Operations Center

- Some cities have plans

- Animal Services agencies are also planning

Planning Gaps & Challenges

- Current plans don't include Whole Community

- Evacuees want pets near them

- Animal Shelters are already full

- Government has limited staff and
little experience with animals during a disaster

- Need community organizations and
volunteers at the table

Temporary Emergency Housing

Minimum Requirements

- Screening Process? Inspections? Liability?
- Data Tracking
- Reunifications Procedures
- Suitable Sites
  - Dog Kennels
  - Dog Parks
  - Foster Homes
  - Veterinarians
  - Groomers
  - Stables & Ranches
  - Other enclosed areas

Care while housed

- Medical assessments –
  - Veterinarians or Vet Techs?
- Climate control
- Feeding
- Sanitation
- Emergency Procedures
- Injuries
- Exotics

Explore possible support ideas

- What needs to be in place to be able to support disasters?

- Personal & Organizations Preparedness / Resilience

Participating Groups

- Animal Rescue Organizations
- Fish & Game
- Foster Care
- Veterinarians
- Pet supply stores
- Groomers
- Ranchers
- Horsemen's Association
- Animal Care Agencies
  - (Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara County, Sunnyvale, Humane Society)

Next Steps

- Leadership

- Action Items

- Future Topics - Resources Available
  - Directory of equipment & supplies within County
    - Crates, Cages, Food, etc.

- Establish a communications network

- Create a CADRE
  Animal Function team

Preparedness Measures

- Animal ID Kit
  - Resources available at cadresv.org/preparedness

- Personal "Go Kit"

- Water storage

- Buddy System

Remember to plan for us!

Free FEMA online training

https://training.fema.gov/is/

- IS-10 Animals in Disaster:
  Module A, Awareness and Preparedness

- IS-11 Animals in Disaster:
  Module B, Community Planning

- IS-111A Livestock in Disasters

AlertSCC = Emergency Notification

– www.alertscc.org

10 Second Survey

- How we get funding to provide training

- Be added to follow up?

- Meeting value?

QUESTIONS?

Thank You!

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