Dealing with Animals in Emergencies

Provider: University of Albany

Program Description: Because emergencies impact both human and animal populations, it is important to include plans for animals in preparedness activities to ensure their safety before, during and after an emergency. This program (developed in partnership with David Chico, VMD, Veterinarian - New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets) will focus on why it is important and how we can best prepare, plan and respond to disasters affecting animals (e.g., County Animal Response Teams and sheltering).

Presenter: Kelly Nilsson, former Director of Disaster Response Services for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)

Time to complete: 1.25 hours

Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of the presentation, the participants will be able to:

- Describe the relationship between animal needs and human health and safety during emergencies
- Understand the legal requirements set forth in the state and Federal P.E.T.S. Act
- Understand the need for personal preparedness
- Recognize the need to collaborate with community partners in preparing for disasters effecting animals
- Understand community preparedness initiatives

Target Audience: National audience of state and local public health professionals and such partners as healthcare professionals, EMS personnel, law enforcement, and media representatives

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