AVMA: VMAT
Update

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Objectives

• Program update
• Roles
• Costs
• Logistics and MOU
Three Roles

- Early Assessment
- Basic Treatment
- Training
Early Assessment Role

- Assess local veterinary infrastructure
- Increase efficient use of state resources
Basic Treatment Role

- Field care
- Assist local capabilities
Training Role

- Decon
- Disaster medicine and triage
- Hazmat
Training Role

- Critical incident stress management
- Leadership
- Risk
- Communication
- Occupational Safety
“Let our advance worrying become advance thinking and planning.”

- Winston Churchill
Costs

- Travel, housing and per diem expenses are covered by the AVMF.
Requirements

- Signed MOU is absolutely necessary
Recap

• Ready and available
• ASSIST and SUPPORT, not replace
• Three roles
• Fully funded
• MOU necessary
AVMA Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMAT)

The AVMA’s Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMAT) serve as first responders to ensure high-quality care of animals during disasters and emergencies. When requested by a state, VMATs provide operational emergency response programs to state animal health authorities, and preparedness programs to animal health authorities, veterinary medical associations, and other relevant organizations, including:

- Early assessment of veterinary conditions and need
- Primary field care to augment overwhelmed local capabilities
- Emergency-related training for state veterinary associations, professionals and colleges

The dedicated volunteers who make up the AVMA VMAT program help ensure that pets, livestock, zoo animals and wildlife all receive the care they need during times of crisis.

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