

Clark County, Washington Emergency Support Function 11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources

Appendix A: Animal Care

Primary Agencies

Clark County Animal Protection and Control
Humane Society for Southwest Washington

Support Agencies

City Animal Control Agencies
Battle Ground Police Department
Washougal Police Department
Ridgefield Police Department
La Center Police Department
Southwest Washington Veterinary Medical Association
Clark County Executive Horse Council
Southwest Washington Chapter of the American Red Cross
WSU Extension Office
Clark County Public Health
Clark County Law Enforcement Agencies
Clark County Fire Agencies
Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency

I. Introduction

A. Purpose

To organize a coordinated multi-agency effort to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from any emergency affecting the health and safety of animals in Clark County, Washington.

B. Scope

This plan is an appendix to *ESF 11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources* of the *Clark County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan*. It describes how the listed primary and support agencies and their partnering organizations will work together to address challenges related to animal care in an emergency.

This plan emphasizes the organization of search, rescue, evacuation, shelter, and care. Animal care includes care and feeding of animals in a shelter environment and care and feeding of stranded animals.

The Washington State Department of Agriculture and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife are the lead agencies for

responding to animal health events, including disease outbreaks. This plan will describe the local support to animal health emergencies, but the statewide plan for animal health emergencies is in *ESF 11, Appendix B - State Animal Response Plan* of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan*.

This plan applies to animal emergencies in Clark County and applies to emergencies where Clark County provides support to other jurisdictions, for example, if animals from other jurisdictions are evacuated to Clark County.

II. Policies

- A. Primary and supporting agencies will conduct planning, preparedness, response, and recovery in accordance with the standards of the National Incident Management System.
- B. The agencies responsible for coordinating the planning of animal response and recovery activities for Clark County are Clark County Animal Protection and Control (hereafter referred to as "Animal Control" and the Humane Society for Southwest Washington (HSSW). The Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA) Emergency Management Program will provide technical assistance as needed.

III. Situation

A. Conditions

1. Clark County is home to a large number of pets, services animals, wildlife, and livestock.
2. Based on national averages established by the American Veterinary Medical Association's 1992 studies, the following are the estimated number of pets per household.

	% of households owning a pet	Number of pets per household
Dogs	36.5%	1.52
Cats	30.9%	1.95
Birds	5.7%	2.16

Based on the 2006 Clark County population estimate, the estimated pet population figures are:

Dogs	223,861
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Cats	243,128
Birds	49,678

3. There are also an undetermined number of exotics and pocket pets.
4. Other animal population estimates
 - a. 30,000 horses
 - b. 20,000 livestock (beef, goats, sheep, and swine)
 - c. 1500 service animals*
5. Clark County is vulnerable to several hazards that may require the evacuation of the public and their pets, service animals, and livestock to safe areas. This includes earthquakes, hazardous materials incidents, dam failures, wildfires, and terrorism.
6. On average, approximately 90% of evacuees will make other accommodations (e.g., staying at hotels or with family and friends) rather than staying at a shelter. However, the actual percentage can vary widely depending on the specific nature of the emergency.
7. There is often a heavy influx of evacuees into shelters in the first few hours of an emergency. Shelter populations will rapidly decrease as evacuees make other accommodations.
8. Disaster conditions may also result in injured, lost, and/or displaced animals, dead animals, and animals with diseases.

B. Assumptions

1. The most efficient and effective method of minimizing the impacts of disasters on animals and their caregivers, is to promote the disaster preparedness of animal caregivers. Caregivers should be prepared to provide for the needs of their animals, without assistance, for at least three days following a disaster. This includes being prepared to evacuate animals.
2. In an emergency, animal caregivers are responsible for ensuring the health and safety of their animals.
3. In small scale, short term evacuations, it may be sufficient for animals to stay in vehicles or other safe areas, with minimal support from primary and support agencies.

* *The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines service animals as "..... any...animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals who are hearing impaired to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair or fetching dropped items."*

4. Since the ability of animal caregivers to provide for their animals may be impacted or overwhelmed by the emergency, and since many caregivers may not be adequately prepared, primary and support agencies and their partners will need to support care for animals.
5. Clark County has resources available locally to support response to a regional or local incident (type 3 to 5) or to provide immediate response to a state or national level incident (type 2 or type 1) until state or federal level assistance arrives.
6. Animal care in disasters will be consistent with methods for all-hazard emergency management, as described in the Clark County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.
7. Companion animal owners, livestock owners, defenders of animal rights, and other citizens may attempt to provide assistance in an uncoordinated fashion, hindering the capacity of responders to provide the most effective support.
8. Clark County Animal Control provides service to the unincorporated areas of Clark County, the City of Vancouver, and the City of Yacolt.
9. Battle Ground, Camas, and Washougal have dedicated animal control staff that enforce animal control laws for cats and dogs. For Battle Ground, animal control staff are in the police department. For Camas and Washougal, animal control staff are in the Washougal Police Department.
10. Police officers for Ridgefield and La Center respond to animal control-related requests for service.
11. These agencies may call on Clark County Animal Control for support or to respond to calls associated with large or exotic animals.
12. The HSSW animal shelter has sufficient capacity to provide temporary shelter for up to 75 dogs and 125 cats. This shelter is regularly at or above capacity. They have limited capacity to accept additional animals in their shelter. Animal Control may also be able to create capacity at the HSSW shelter by transporting pets to other shelters in the region such as the Oregon Humane Society shelter in Portland. However, an emergency that requires the sheltering of a large number of pets will likely require that a temporary shelter be established.
13. Other than service animals, Red Cross shelters will not accept any animals.
14. Public safety personnel prioritize human safety, and will assist with animal rescue as resources allow.

15. Animal owners and caregivers may avoid or postpone evacuation unless sufficient accommodations are made for their animals.

IV. Concept of Operations

- A. The Clark County Animal Care Disaster Team (see Appendix A) conducts response to incidents that impact animals and their caregivers. Animal Control, HSSW, and the Southwest Washington Veterinary Medical Association staff this team in accordance with the standards described below.
- B. Notification
 1. When an emergency occurs that has actual or potential impacts on animals, incident command or the Clark Regional Emergency Operations Center (CREOC) will notify Animal Control.
 2. Incident command or the CREOC will notify Animal Control in the event of a large-scale evacuation.
 3. Animal Control will notify HSSW and other support agencies as appropriate.
 4. Animal Control or the American Red Cross may notify HSSW directly if there is a need for animal shelter and care of pets in an emergency.
- C. Situation Assessment
 1. Animal Control is responsible for monitoring the status of animal care response activities and for regularly reporting on the status of response activities and resources to the CREOC.
 2. HSSW and other agencies involved in emergency animal care will keep Animal Control informed of their ability to respond, the status of response activities and resources.
 3. Other animal control (Washougal, Battle Ground, Ridgefield, and La Center police departments) agencies will keep Clark County Animal Control informed of the status of their animal response efforts.
- D. Direction and Control
 1. Primary and support agencies will fall under the incident management organization, led by an incident commander, or they will fall into the CREOC organization.
 2. On request, Animal Control will have a representative in the CREOC.
 3. Animal Control is the lead local agency responsible for search, rescue, and transportation of animals, care for large animals, and the enforcement of animal control ordinances during an emergency.

4. HSSW is the lead local agency responsible for animal care and shelter for pets. They may provide technical assistance in caring for large animals.

E. Search and Rescue

1. In the event of an emergency where animals are lost or otherwise stranded in a hazard area, animal control agencies will coordinate the effort to search for and rescue animals from the area in coordination with fire service, law enforcement, and other involved responders.
2. Authorization for owners or animal rescue teams to enter evacuated areas is at the discretion of the incident commander.
3. Animal Control maintains procedures for search, rescue, and transportation that are separate from this plan.
4. The federal standard for search and rescue marking systems is included in Appendix G.

F. Evacuation

1. The incident commander is responsible for evaluating whether an evacuation is of a sufficient size and duration to warrant special provisions for animals and for requesting assistance from Animal Control.
2. Animal control agencies will organize the transportation of animals to safe areas or shelter sites.
3. Animal Control maintains procedures for evacuation that are separate from this plan.

G. Shelter and Care

1. Animal Control is responsible for providing HSSW with information about the numbers and types of animals that are being evacuated,
2. In coordination with the American Red Cross, HSSW will establish pet shelter locations in an emergency. If possible, they will be located close to human shelters. Human and animal shelters must be separated by a minimum of 50 feet.
3. HSSW maintains separate animal shelter and care procedures.
4. Prior to disaster, HSSW will coordinate with the American Red Cross in identifying and assessing potential shelter locations. The current list of potential locations is kept in Appendix F. HSSW will coordinate with the Red Cross to enter into agreements with the facility managers of potential sites.
5. Animal Control is the lead local agency responsible for the shelter and care of livestock, horses, and other large animals.

6. The Washington State Department of Agriculture and the Clark County Executive Horse Council are the key supporting agencies for the shelter and care of large animals.

H. Tracking Animals and Transfer of Custody

1. Primary and support agencies will track animals to provide for accountability and to ensure that animals can be efficiently reunited with their owners.
2. Involved agencies will only use the United Animal Nations (UAN) forms to support tracking and accountability of rescued and sheltered animals.

I. Veterinary Medical and Preventative Care

1. Veterinary services will be coordinated by the Southwest Washington Veterinary Medical Association (SWWVMA).
2. The SWWVMA Veterinary Care Supervisor will receive and process requests for veterinary services to support shelter and care operations.
3. The Veterinary Care Supervisor will coordinate triage and immediate emergency care for animals.
4. The Veterinary Care Supervisor will implement a plan for humane euthanasia.

J. Disposal of Dead Animals

1. Animal Control will coordinate with Clark County Public Health and Clark-Vancouver Solid Waste Programs to coordinate the proper disposal of dead animals.
2. Clark County Public Health will provide guidelines and requirements for the safe handling and disposal of dead animals.
3. Carcasses of hooved animals are not permitted in regular landfills.
4. Clark-Vancouver Solid Waste Programs will ensure that dead animals are appropriately handled in the course of disaster debris management.

K. Preparedness Standards

1. Primary and support agencies will encourage animal caregivers to be prepared to care for their animals during a disaster. Standard preparedness information can be found in Appendix D.
2. Primary and support agencies are responsible for ensuring that they have access to adequate resources necessary to meet their responsibilities as defined in this plan.
3. Animal Control and HSSW will regularly update contact information for the primary, support, and partnering agencies.

4. The SWWVMA will maintain a directory of participating veterinarians.
5. Primary and supporting agencies will meet the training standards described in Appendix C.

V. Responsibilities

A. Clark County Animal Protection and Control

1. Serve as the primary point of contact for public safety and emergency management agencies for the activation of this plan.
2. Develop and maintain a plan for coordinating animal search, rescue, and evacuation.
3. Develop and maintain a plan for large animal care and shelter
4. Coordinate notification of other team members during an emergency.
5. Assess the magnitude of the impact of the incident on animals, and assess response activities, and resources status. Regularly report status to the CREOC.
6. Coordinate search, rescue, and transportation of animals as required by an emergency.

B. Other animal control agencies (Battle Ground, Washougal, Ridgefield, and La Center police departments)

1. Conduct search, rescue, and transportation of cats and dogs as required by an emergency.
2. Keep Clark County Animal Control informed of response activities.
3. Request assistance from Clark County Animal Control as needed.

C. Humane Society for Southwest Washington

1. Develop and maintain plan for providing animal care and shelter.
2. Coordinate with the American Red Cross in the identification of animal shelter sites, site surveys, and site use agreements.
3. Maintain a listing of animal care and shelter resources.
4. Establish communications with the American Red Cross, and other agencies coordinating mass care.
5. Maintain contact with Clark County Public Health for referral of questions concerning human health.
6. Develop a call-up list and activation procedures for local support personnel and resources.

7. Coordinate with the WSU Extension Office and CCEHC to develop a list of vehicle and trailers to provide transport of personnel and animals.
8. Request assistance teams from appropriate regional or national organizations.
9. HSSW Public Information Officer (PIO) will coordinate with the CREOC or incident command post PIO regarding all media and citizens questions.
10. Deploy personnel to respond to animal needs. Coordinate these activities with Animal Control.
11. Request assistance from the Human Society of the United States and United Animal Nation as appropriate.

D. Southwest Washington Veterinary Medical Association

1. Coordinate local veterinarians and their staff as available.
2. Provide triage and immediate, emergency care for animals collected at disaster relief stations.
3. Act as a resource for information regarding location of transportation, feed sources, and animal-related groups.
4. Advise and implement a plan for humane euthanasia.
5. Help coordinate temporary shelter for displaced animals.
6. Act as a liaison between the State Department of Agriculture and Veterinary Services and local groups.
7. Act as a medical resource for media inquiries.

E. Clark County Executive Horse Council

1. Keep an updated list of horse catchers and haulers, temporary housing for horses, feed sources, and facilities available for evacuation centers.
2. Provide trained volunteers and provide equipment to support large animal/livestock handling, transportation, placement, shelter, and care
3. Serve as a clearing house for information on horse care, feeding and housing.

F. Southwest Washington Chapter of the American Red Cross

1. Support the identification of animal shelter sites by coordinating with HSSW when conducting shelter site surveys and establishing site use agreements.

2. Coordinate with the Animal Shelter Red Cross Liaison to provide segregated shelter and care for animals. Integrate handling of animals with the processing of shelter clients.

G. WSU Extension Office

1. Assist in educational efforts to notify livestock industries of preparedness and response procedures.
2. Maintain a list of resources and personnel available to assist local and state jurisdictions in the response and recovery phases in emergencies affecting significant numbers of livestock.
3. Assist in providing coordination of information with state and federal agencies.
4. Determine high-density animal populations at high risk in the event of an emergency.
5. Coordinate with the Animal Control and the American Red Cross in developing a plan and priority in transporting animals to animal care facilities when owners are evacuated to shelters.
6. Act as liaison to State WSU specialists as needed.

H. Clark County Public Health

1. Track notifiable and reportable conditions in animals that lead to human disease
2. Act as liaison to Washington State Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
3. Advise on human health issues and procedures for management of animal wastes and dead animals.
4. Provide recommendations to assure adequate vaccination of animal care workers when available

I. Law Enforcement

1. Provide personnel and equipment resources as available and only after human health and safety issues have been fully addressed.
2. Coordinate with Animal Control and other animal rescue responders in the management of animal search, rescue, and evacuation operations.
3. As resources allow, provide law enforcement support for road closures, operating isolation facilities, decontamination operations, animal depopulation actions, and closing feedlots.
4. Provide personnel in restriction of entry into the restricted or quarantined area.

J. Clark County Fire Agencies

1. Provide personnel and equipment resources as available and only after human health and safety issues have been fully addressed.
2. Provide support to animal control agencies in rescue of trapped animals.

K. CRESA Emergency Management

1. Integrate messages and information regarding animal owner preparedness into disaster preparedness training and education.
2. If necessary, in coordination with Animal Control, establish a call center number for animal retrieval and other animal-related information.
3. Serve as liaison between local jurisdictions and response agencies, the Washington State Emergency Management Division and other appropriate state and federal agencies for requesting resources when the capabilities of local response agencies are exceeded.
4. Integrate the concepts of operation in this plan into emergency management training programs as appropriate.
5. Assist the State EOC in the preparation of appropriate requests to the Governor and subsequently the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Small Business Administration for obtaining applicable emergency and/or disaster declarations.
6. Debrief participants and prepare after action reports.

VI. Administration and Logistics

- A. Primary and supporting agencies are responsible for ensuring that they have access to the resources necessary to fulfill their responsibilities as described in this plan.
- B. Animal Control will develop and maintain site use agreements and contact information for animal staging and large animal care sites.
- C. HSSW will develop and maintain site use agreements and contact lists for pet shelter sites.
- D. Primary and supporting agencies are expected to provide their own logistical support during the initial phase of response operations. Additional support should be obtained through the incident commander or CREOC as appropriate.
- E. In the event that local animal care resources, including local public, private, and mutual aid resources, are currently or will inevitably be overwhelmed, Animal Control and HSSW will request assistance through the CREOC. The CREOC will coordinate assistance from State and Federal levels.

- F.** In the event that the incident overwhelms local resources for animal care and shelter, Animal Control may request assistance directly from the Humane Society (HSUS) of the United States and/or United Animal Nations (UAN). This request will be done in close coordination with HSSW.
- G.** HSSW and other supporting non-governmental organizations should carefully track all costs associated with response and recovery efforts. Financial assistance may be available through federal disaster relief programs.
- H.** Following a disaster, revenue-producing animal facilities should report impacts to the Southwest Washington Farm Services Agency. They may be able to obtain assistance through an agricultural disaster declaration.

VII. Plan Development and Maintenance

A multi-disciplinary group of stakeholders and resource providers developed this plan, including the listed primary and supporting agencies. Animal Control and HSSW are the lead planning and preparedness agencies. CRESA Emergency Management provides technical support as needed.

Animal Control and HSSW should coordinate the review and update of this plan at least every two years. Personal name and contact information in the Appendix A and in agency-specific plans should be updated at least once a year or when significant organizational changes take place. This plan and agency implementing procedures should be updated to reflect changes in HSUS, UAN, and local, state, and federal standards and requirements.

As part of the cycle of plan review and update, this plan and the associated procedures should be assessed in an exercise. It is recommended that an exercise be completed at least every three years, at least at a tabletop level. This exercise can be part of a larger community-wide emergency management exercise.

VIII. Authorities and References

A. Planning requirements

Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards (PETS) Act of 2006 - Section 613 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196b). The PETS Act requires state and local authorities to include plans for pets and service animals in their disaster plans to qualify for grants from FEMA.

B. Animal control ordinances in Clark County

1. Clark County Code Title 8
2. Vancouver Municipal Code, Chapter 8.24 Animals

C. Related plans and agreements

1. Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, ESF 11, Appendix B – State Animal Response Plan
2. National Response Framework – ESF 11 Agriculture and Natural Resources
3. Statement of Understanding Between the Humane Society of United States and The American National Red Cross – March 3, 1994

D. Planning resources

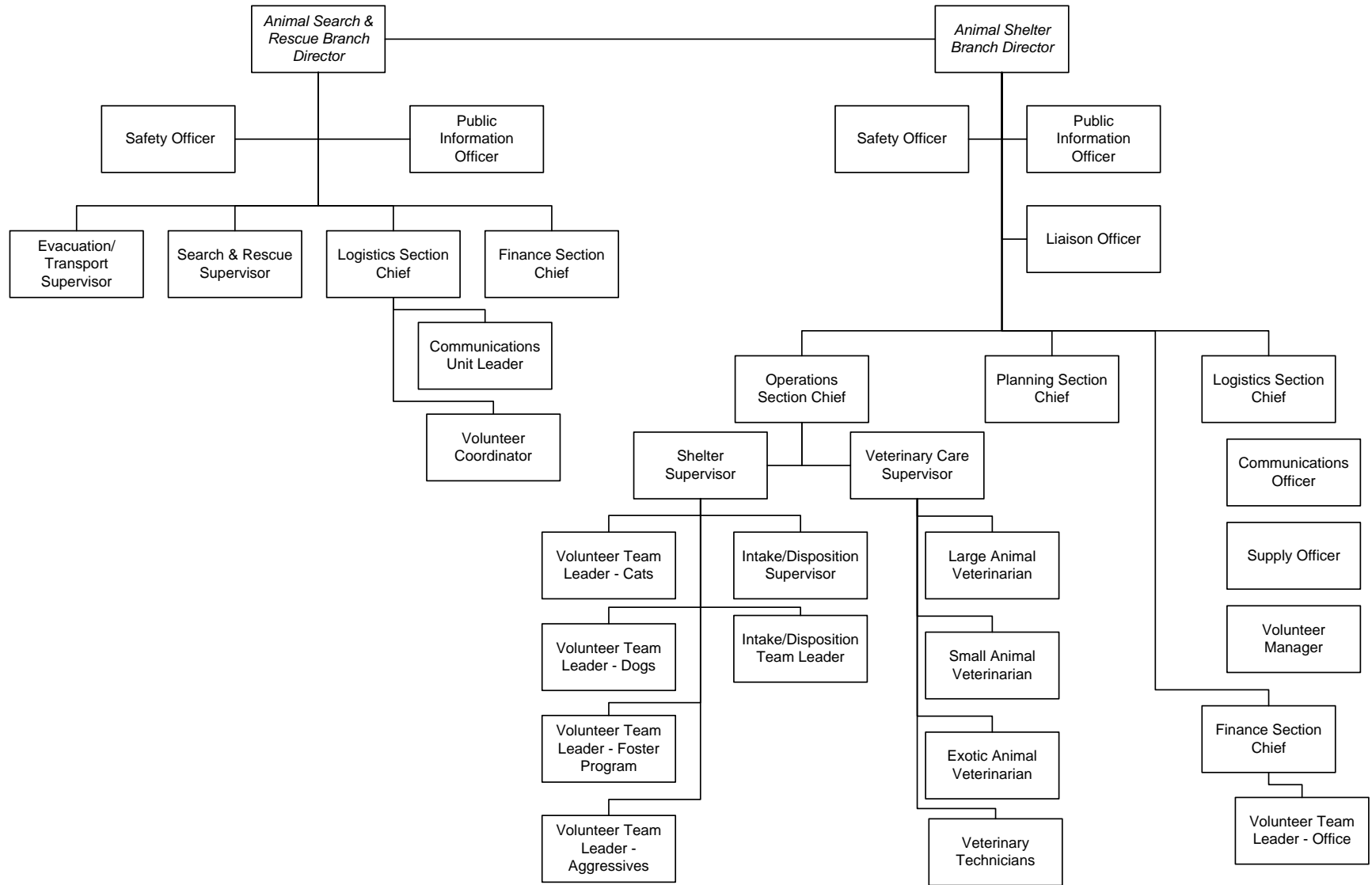
1. HSUS Disaster Planning Manual for Animals
http://www.hsus.org/hsus_field/hsus_disaster_center/resources/hsus_disaster_planning_manual_for_animals.html
2. American Veterinary Medical Association Disaster Website
<http://www.avma.org/disaster/>

Appendix A – Clark County Animal Care Disaster Team

Emergency Position	Affiliated Organization Designation	Name
Animal Shelter Branch Dir	HSSW Executive Director	Chuck Tourtillott
Animal Search & Rescue Branch Dir	Animal Control Manager	Linda Moorhead
<i>Search & Rescue Team</i>		
S&R Team Leader	Animal Control Officer	Trisha Kraff
S&R Safety Officer	Animal Control	Dennis Davidson
S&R Public Information Officer	Animal Control Lead Officer	
S&R Liaison Officer	Animal Control	
Evacuation Lead	Animal Control	Bill Burrus
Large Animal Volunteer Trainer & Planner		Sue Svendsen
Evacuation/Transport Super	Animal Control	
Evacuation/Transport Team Leader	Animal Control	
Evac/Transport Team Members	Animal Control	
Volunteer Coordinator and Trainer		Dana Malone
S&R Volunteer Manager	Animal Control	
S&R Team Members	Animal Control	
S&R Fin/Adm Section Chief	Animal Control	
<i>Emergency Shelter Team</i>		
ES Team Leader	HSSW Canine Coordinator	Faye Smith
Shelter Supervisor	HSSW Foster Care Coordinator	Zach Forsyth
ES Public Information Officer	HSSW Director of Development	Kimber Huntington-Webb
ES Safety Officer	HSSW Alt Placement Coordinator	Lisa Feder
ES Liaison Officer	HSSW Director of Development	Kimber Huntington-Webb
Red Cross Shelters Liaison	HSSW Kennel Supervisor	Denia Stevens
Operations Section Chief	HSSW Dir of Shelter Operations	Lisa Feder
ES Intake/Disp Team Leader		

Emergency Position	Affiliated Organization Designation	Name
ES Intake/Disposition Super		
Planning Section Chief	HSSW Director of Shelter Operations	Lisa Feder
Logistics Section Chief	HSSW Director of Development	Kimber Huntington-Webb
ES Communication Officer	HSSW Director of Development	Jayne Mah
ES Supply Officer	HSSW Director of Development	
ES Fin/Adm Section Chief		
<i>Volunteer Management Team</i>		
ES Volunteer Manager	HSSW Dir of Volunteer Services	Kate Goudschaal
Volunteer Team Ldr Cats	HSSW Volunteer	Jim Martin
Volunteer Team Ldr Dogs	HSSW Volunteer	Jerry Quilling
Vol Team Ldr Aggressives	HSSW Volunteer	
Volunteer Team Leader Office	HSSW Volunteer	
Volunteer Foster Program	HSSW Volunteers	
ES Intake/Disp Team Members	HSSW Office Staff	
ES Team Members	HSSW Kennel Staff	
<i>Veterinary Care Team</i>		
Vet Care Supervisor	SW Washington VMA	Liz Grauer
Veterinarian Large Animal	SW Washington VMA	
Veterinarian Small Animal	SW Washington VMA	
Veterinarian Exotic Animal	SW Washington VMA	
Vet Technicians	SW Washington VMA	

Team Organizational Chart



Appendix B –Vaccination Standards for Animal Care Emergency Workers

Vaccination Recommendations

Any emergency worker coming into regular contact with animal should have the following vaccinations:

Tetanus - Required	Tetanus vaccinations last for ten years but boosters are recommended every five years.
Hepatitis A & B - Recommended	Both Hepatitis A & B are highly contagious viruses that can cause severe liver disease. Hepatitis A can be contracted by coming into contact with water that has been contaminated by raw sewage. (Flood and disaster areas) Hepatitis B is transmitted through blood and bodily fluids.
Rabies Pre exposure - Suggested	For volunteers involved in search and rescue. If previously vaccinated, your antibody level should be checked every two years for a booster vaccination.

Consult your physician for further immunizations or questions regarding the above

Appendix C – Training Standards for Animal Care Emergency Workers

A. Training Standards

Position	Course Title
Directors	ICS 100 ICS 200 ICS 300 IS 700 <i>Recommended</i> ICS 400 Emergency Animal Sheltering (EAS) Disaster Animal Response (DART)
Managers, Supervisors	First Aid/CPR-Human ICS 100 ICS 200 IS 700 Emergency Animal Sheltering (EAS) Disaster Animal Response (DART) <i>Recommended</i> First Aid/CPR-Animal ICS 300
Team Leaders	First Aid/CPR-Human First Aid/CPR-Animal ICS 100 IS 700 Emergency Animal Sheltering (EAS) Disaster Animal Response Training (DART) Safe Animal Handling
Animal Control Manager and Lead Officer	G290 Basic PIO Course
Animal Control Officers	First Aid/CPR-Human Blood Bourne Pathogens ICS 100 IS 700 Large Animal Handling Euthanasia & Legend Drug Certification
All Animal Control Volunteers	First Aid/CPR - Animal Safe Animal Handling Technical Animal Rescue Animal Capture and Restraint

Position	Course Title
All Emergency Shelter Volunteers	Safe Animal Handling <i>Recommended</i> First Aid/CPR - Animal
Large Animal Volunteers	Large Animal Handling

B. Course Details

Course Title	Curriculum Owner	Hours	Description	Pre-requisite	Availability
Standards First Aid (First Aid & CPR)	American Red Cross	7	This course is a combination of both First Aid and adult CPR and teaches fundamental principles, skills and knowledge of first aid, accident prevention, and adult CPR. Students are prepared to respond to typical emergencies when medical assistance is delayed.	None	Available from Red Cross or from contractors
Animal First Aid	Red Cross/Animal Control Staff	4	Basic first aid for sick or injured animals.	None	American Red Cross
ICS-100: Orientation to ICS	FEMA	2-4	Introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).	None	FEMA Online Independent Study
ICS-200: Basic ICS	FEMA	8	Enables personnel to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the Incident Command System (ICS). ICS-200 provides training on and resources for personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position within the ICS.	ICS-100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEMA Online Independent Study • Northwest Regional Training Center
ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	FEMA	26	Addresses organization and staffing; organizing for incidents or events; incident resources management; air operations; incident and event planning.	ICS-200	Northwest Regional Training Center

Course Title	Curriculum Owner	Hours	Description	Pre-requisite	Availability
ICS-400: Advanced ICS, Command & General Staff – Complex Incidents	FEMA	16	This course provides training on and resources for personnel who require advanced application of the Incident Command System. The target audience for this course is senior personnel who are expected to perform in a management capacity in an Area Command or Multi-Agency Coordination Entity.	ICS-300	Northwest Regional Training Center
IS 700 National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction	FEMA	3	This course introduces NIMS and takes approximately three hours to complete. It explains the purpose, principles, key components and benefits of NIMS.	None	FEMA Online Independent Study
G290 Basic PIO Course	FEMA	24	Writing press releases; communications and media interviews; press conferences; Washington State communications systems; public education campaigns	None	Offered 2 times/ year by Washington State Emergency Management
Safe Animal Handling	HSSW	2	Instruction in the safe handling of animals.	None	HSSW
Large Animal Handling	CCEHC	4	CCEHC training covers basic large animal behavior, safe catching, handling, tying and loading of large animals.	None	CCEHC
Animal Capture & Restraint	Animal Control	3	Instruction in safely and effectively capturing and restraining animals.	Safe Animal Handling	Animal Control
Technical Large Animal Rescue	Felton Fire Department	16	Comprehensive two day training covers safe handling of large animals, application of rescue straps, extraction of animals from trailers, righting of horse trailers, rescue from ravines and mud.	None	Felton Fire Department

Course Title	Curriculum Owner	Hours	Description	Pre-requisite	Availability
Euthanasia and Legend Drug Certification	Veterinarians	8	Instruction in safe and effective use of tranquilizer and euthanasia drugs.	Safe Animal Handling/ Restraint	Upon request from Veterinarians
Emergency Animal Sheltering	HSUS	12+	Course offers hands-on learning about the methods for sheltering animals affected by disaster. Includes key topics as outlined for DART. Includes table-top exercises and (optional) mock shelter simulation so students can practice what they have learned through setting up an emergency animal shelter; selecting a location for an Emergency Animal Shelter; implementation of ICS; basic setup of shelter areas; needs of various animals; logistics; health and safety and stress management; and teamwork.	None	Available through HSUS

Course Title	Curriculum Owner	Hours	Description	Pre-requisite	Availability
Disaster Animal Response Training	HSUS	22+	Introduction to animals in disaster and preparedness; Incident Command System; legal issues; communications; and teamwork. Other major topics covered include: community animal needs/damage assessment; team response and procedures; animal care and handling; emergency animal shelters; equipment; and responder health and safety, including stress management. Table-top exercises and (optional) mock disaster simulation will give students the chance to use and combine the skills learned during the training, including implementing ICS; communications; equipment; damage assessment; establishing an incident command post, setting up an Emergency Animal Shelter; responding to rescue requests, dealing with the media, and taking care of the team.	None	Available through HSUS

C. For More Information

Item	Link
American Red Cross – Southwest Washington Chapter	http://swashington.redcross.org/
Northwest Regional Training Center (360) 759-4404	http://www.nwrtc.org/homeland_security/training.php
FEMA Emergency Management Institute	http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/
FEMA Advanced PIO Course	http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/EMICourses/PIO.asp
WSEM Basic PIO Course	http://emd.wa.gov/5-prep/trng/courses/g290-basic-pio.htm
Humane Society of the United States Disaster Center	http://www.hsus.org/hsus_field/hsus_disaster_center/

Appendix D – Standard Preparedness Information for Animal

1. “Preparing Your Pets for Emergencies Makes Sense” (Department of Homeland Security)

Available for download and ordering at:

www.ready.gov

2. “Disaster Preparedness for Horses” (Humane Society of the United States)
3. “Disaster Preparedness for Livestock” (Humane Society of the United States)

Available for download at:

http://www.hsus.org/hsus_field/hsus_disaster_center/resources/disaster_preparedness_brochures.html

Appendix E – List of Acronyms

CCEHC	Clark County Executive Horse Council
CDC	Centers for Disease Prevention and Control
CREOC	Clark Regional Emergency Operations Center
CRESA	Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency
DART	Disaster Animal Response Training
EARS	Emergency Animal Rescue Services
EAS	Emergency Animal Sheltering
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ESF	Emergency Support Function
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
HSSW	Humane Society of Southwest Washington
HSUS	Humane Society of the United States
ICS	Incident Command system
NIMS	National Incident Management System
PIO	Public Information Officer
RFP	Request for Proposal
SWWVMA	Southwest Washington Veterinary Medical Association
UAN	United Animal Nations
VMA	Veterinary Medical Association
WSU	Washington State University

Appendix F – Animal Shelter Locations

Please note: No animal shelter will be automatically setup. Location and size of an activated shelter will be based on the needs of the incident.

Potential Pet Shelter Locations

Vancouver School District

Fort Vancouver High School
5700 E 18th St.
Vancouver, WA 98661
(360) 313-4000

Discovery Middle School
800 E 40th St.
Vancouver, WA 98663
(360) 313-3300

Hudson Bay High School
1206 East Reserve St
(360) 313-4400

SkyView High School
1300 NW 139th Street
(360) 313-4200

Evergreen School District

Evergreen High School
14300 NE 18th St.
Vancouver, WA 98684
(360) 604-3700

Mountain View High School
1500 SE Blairmont Dr.
Vancouver, WA 98683
(360) 604-6100

City of Vancouver

Vancouver Tennis & Racquetball Center
5800 E 18th St.
Vancouver, WA 98661
(360) 696-8123

Potential Large Animal Shelter Locations

Jack Giesy Arena and Stall Barn #2 and #3
Clark County Event Center at the Fairgrounds
17402 NE Delfel Rd.
Ridgefield, WA 98642
(360) 397-6180

Clark County Saddle Club
10505 NE 117th AV
Vancouver, WA 98662
(360) 896-6654

Appendix G – Memorandum of Understanding

October 8, 2008

Memorandum of Understanding

Regarding Inter-agency Cooperation for Disaster Animal Care

Background

Clark County Animal Protection and Control (hereafter referred to as “Animal Control”) and the Human Society for Southwest Washington (hereafter referred to as HSSW) are the primary agencies in Clark County, Washington for the care of animals in a disaster. The Clark County Executive Horse Council is an essential support agency for transporting large animals. These organizations are parties to this memorandum of understanding and they have coordinated with other stakeholder agencies in the development and implementation of a plan for disaster animal care.

Statements of Understanding

The parties have reached the following understanding regarding the care of animals in a disaster:

1. The parties will respond to emergencies that impact the Clark County animal population in accordance with *Appendix A: Animal Care*. This is an appendix to *Emergency Support Function 11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources of the Clark Regional Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan*.
2. Animal Control is the coordinating agency in Clark County for disaster animal care. They will serve as the primary point of coordination between Clark County emergency operations centers and incident managers and the other primary and support agencies listed in *Appendix A: Animal Care*.
3. HSSW is the lead agency responsible for the emergency temporary sheltering of small animals in the event of an emergency.
4. Clark County will make every reasonable effort to reimburse HSSW for costs of animal care and sheltering that are eligible for reimbursement from Federal Disaster Assistance Program (see *FEMA Disaster Assistance Policy 9523.19*).
5. The Clark County Executive Horse Council will provide support to Clark County Animal Control for the transportation and shelter of equidae and livestock.

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- 6. Animal Control and the HSSW are responsible for the maintenance and updating of "Appendix A – Animal Care". Instructions for plan development and maintenance are included in the plan. The parties recognize that disaster animal care requires support from several organizations and so will endeavor to involve the support agencies and other stakeholder agencies in the maintenance and update of the plan.

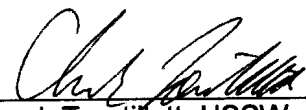
- 7. **Limitation:** The parties will make every effort to address the care and shelter needs of animals in a disaster. However, it is understood that the parties may have resource limitations created by the emergency and they will also have core missions that will need to be protected and restored.



 Bill Barron, Clark County
 Administrator

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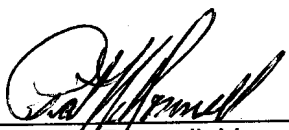
 Date



 Chuck Tourtellott, HSSW
 Executive Director

11/13/08


 Date



 Pat McDonnell, Vancouver City
 Manager

10-17-08


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 Clarence Petty
 Clark County Executive Horse
 Council President

 Date

Approved as to form only:

By: 

 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney