

Animals Subcommittee Meeting #5

Friday, June 8, 2018
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Independence Public Library
6361 Selig Blvd.
Independence, Ohio 44131

Notes

1. Attendance

Chief Johnny Brewington	Woodmere Fire Department
Jody Kowalski	Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Barb Mills	Public
Erika Moran	Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management
Sharon Nicasro	American Red Cross
Bob Phillips-Plona	Hospice of the Western Reserve
Stacey Short	Cuyahoga County Board of Health
Serena Steele	Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management
Rick Whitehead	American Red Cross

2. Notes from January 17, 2017 Meeting

Approved without corrections.

3. Status Report of Subcommittee Activities

The Animal Decontamination Group met several times. One training course has been held, and two more are planned. The ADG is assembling a cache of equipment.

4. Review of Draft #1 of *Pet Shelter Operations Guide*

Review of the first draft of the *Guide* yielded the following comments:

- Ohio Task Force One might be a resource.
- The Toledo plan might be a resource.
- Municipalities that already have pet sheltering facilities might be potential sites for emergency pet shelters. Stacey Short can provide a list of facilities. They should be added to Knowledge Center's resource database.
- Municipalities might have mutual aid agreements with surrounding counties.
- Contractors might be a source of assistance, especially since some municipalities use contractors for their animal care needs.
- Pet Smart has response teams, but they might be rescue only.
- Summit and Lorain Counties might have plans.

- Cleveland Department of Public Health might or might not have regulations regarding emergency pet shelters.
- County Board of Health regulations do not apply to emergency pet shelters, but CCBH should inspect the shelter with a goal of preventing disease outbreaks.
- FEMA has mobile units that might be available through Ohio EMA.
- Air quality is a consideration when using garages as shelters.
- Zumro tents (inflatable with heating and ventilation capabilities) might be used as shelters. Cost and storage location would need to be investigated.
- Commercial animal venues must have an emergency plan. What does the zoo do if they need to evacuate and shelter animals?
- Veterinary offices and kennels might be a location for sheltering.
- There are mobile veterinary clinics.
- Stacey Short is familiar with one of the officers of the Cleveland Academy of Veterinary Medicine. Stacey will ask her about recruiting veterinarians. Jody Kowalski will check with her veterinarian about volunteering.
- We eliminated the License Number from the veterinarian application.
- We will not ask that volunteers have vaccinations. Vaccinations will be included in the waiver that volunteers will need to sign.
- More discussion will be needed regarding training required for volunteers.

5. Public Education Program

A brief discussion was held regarding messaging tools and methods. The County Office of Emergency Management would like to use an At-a-Glance reference guide that they produced and can revise. FEMA has a pet preparedness brochure.

6. Next Steps

To be determined.

7. Next Meeting

To be determined.