

Animals Sub-Committee Meeting #3

Tuesday, November 15, 2016
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Independence Public Library
6361 Selig Blvd.
Independence, Ohio 44131

Notes

1. Attendance

Chief Johnny Brewington	Woodmere Village Fire Department
Jeremy Bayer	American Red Cross
Mark Cline	American Red Cross
Deborah Conway	Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter
Ayse Dunlap	Cleveland Animal Protective League
Adam Griffith	Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management
Bob Horwatt	Cleveland Office of Emergency Management
Patricia Kiefer	VA Medical Center
Jody Kowalski	Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Sharon Nicastro	COAD
Karen Seidman	Cleveland Heights CERT
Stacey Short	Cuyahoga County Board of Health
Serena Steele	Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management

2. Introductions

- Ayse Dunlap from the Cleveland Animal Protective League joined the Subcommittee.

3. Continued Review of Concept of Operations

- Preparedness items were added to the plan, including
 - Informing the emergency management community about the plan.
 - Informing individuals of the supplies to bring to shelters with their pets.
 - Creating memoranda of understanding with the County Office of Emergency Management.
 - Maintaining records of outreach efforts.

- Response items were added to the plan, including
 - Requesting additional resources from local municipalities or CCOEM.
 - Delivering carcasses of dead quarantined animals to the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.
 - Documentation by all agencies/organizations on standardized forms.
 - Communications, especially use of radios.
- Recovery items were added to the plan, including
 - Reunification moved from Response to Recovery.
 - Disposition of animals in shelters that are not claimed by owners.

[Post-meeting Note: Grief counseling for owners of pets that did not survive will need to be added to the Recovery portion of the plan. Guidelines are provided by the American Veterinary Medical Association.]

4. Roles and Responsibilities

- Roles and responsibilities were discussed for each of the items in the plan and entered on a chart.
- Agencies/organizations that were assigned a responsibility will be contacted by Sharon Nicastro and the County Office of Emergency Management to determine their willingness and ability to accept the responsibilities.
- Stacey Short will investigate the animal response capabilities of the National Disaster Medical System.
- Cuyahoga County Board of Health has a list of veterinarians in Cuyahoga County who can be asked to provide services.
- Investigate the possibility of getting volunteers from the veterinary technician programs at Tri-C and Stautzenberger College.

5. Review of Logistics and Resource Management

- How will drugs for euthanasia be supplied?

6. Next Steps

- Determine the agencies/organizations that can decontaminate animals.
- Contact agencies/organizations that were assigned a responsibility in the plan.
- Continue to identify items that need to be in the plan.
- Check with ESF #11 (Ohio Department of Agriculture) for advice on how to evacuate livestock.
- Determine if Cleveland Metroparks has any animal rescue capabilities.
- Identify and/or develop public education materials.
- Determine documentation forms that will be needed.

7. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 – 10:00a-12:00p – Location to be determined