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Animals in Disaster
Sign In Sheet
April 16, 2012
Meeting Location: Briggs Animal Adoption Center

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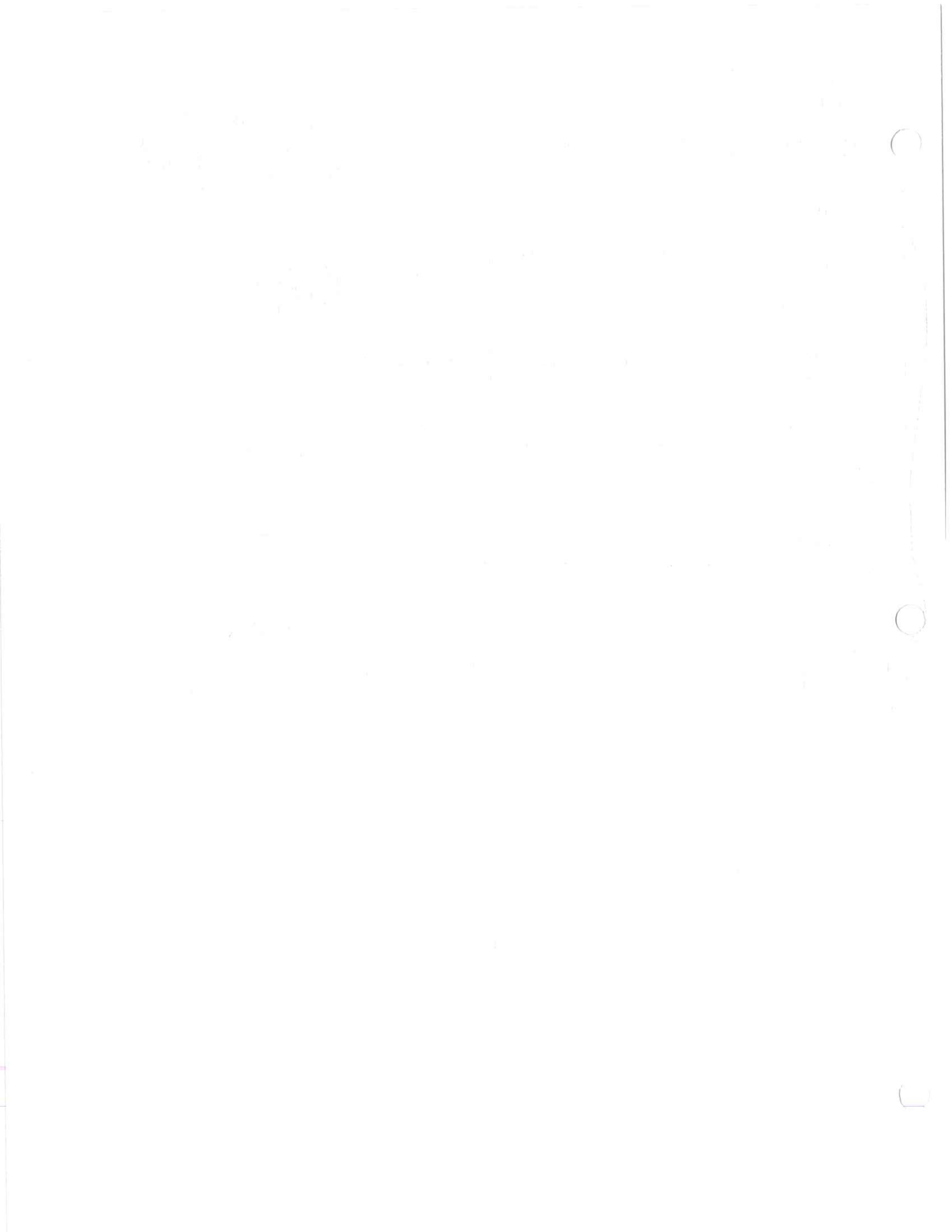
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Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management
Animals in Disaster Committee
Held at Briggs Animal Adoption Center
April 16, 2012

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
- III. Sign in Sheet
- IV. Minutes of January 23, 2012 Meeting
- V. Old Business
 - a. Regional Animals in Disaster Plan Grant
 - b. Disaster Animal Response Team Training – HSUS
 - c. Briggs Animal Adoption Center – Spring Fun Walk/Run at Bland Farm – March 24
 - d. Exotic Pet bill, SB 477, was sponsored by Sen. Jeffrey Kessler, D-Marshall, and a similar bill was also introduced in the House as HB 4644, sponsored by Rep. Mike Manypenny, D-Taylor. As passed by the Legislature, SB 477 would have directed the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR) to adopt permit requirements for persons who possess, breed and sell exotic animals. It would have further ordered the DNR to define exotic animals and require owners keeping these animals to maintain liability insurance, properly identify the animals and pay a license fee – vetoed by Governor Tomblin
- VI. New Business
 - a. Quarterly Partnership Luncheon – May 2 at the Anvil Restaurant in Harpers Ferry
 - b. Briggs Animal Adoption Center – Pedal for Pooches – April 28 – 10am
 - c. Animal Welfare Society –
 - April 28 - Spring Low-Cost rabies vaccination clinic 10am to Noon - AAAA Self-Storage in Ranson - \$10.00/animal must be over 3 months old
 - May 11 & 12 - Mother's Day Flower Sale - Domino's Shepherdstown – Friday, 2pm - 6pm Saturday, 10am to 2pm
 - d. Jefferson County Animal Control – Rabies Vaccination Clinic – May 19 – 10am – 1pm - \$10
 - e. Bark in the Park – Jefferson Memorial Park – June 2 – 10am – 2pm
- VII. Member Sharing
- VIII. Adjournment
- IX. Tour of Briggs Animal Adoption Center

The next meeting of the Animals in Disaster Committee will be July 16, 2012 at 9:30am and will be announced via email notification.

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Animals in Disaster Committee
January 23, 2012

The Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management (JCHSEM) Animals in Disaster Committee met on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 9:30am in the Emergency Operations Center located in Kearneysville, WV. Those present were: Barbara Miller, Director; Terri Mehling, Deputy Director; Jennifer Maggio, PIO/AA/Vol. Coordinator; Mike Davis, CERT Volunteer; Carl French, Berkeley County Health Department; Joyce Marken, DALB; Kelly Parsons, CERT Volunteer; and Carolyn Brubaker, Silver Lining.

Call to order

Introductions

Ms. Mehling, JCHSEM Deputy Director, opened the meeting with approval of the minutes. Carl French moved to approve the minutes and Kelly Parsons was second to approve. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ms. Miller reported on the Regional Animals in Disaster Plan Grant. The Plan is now final, and still needs to be adopted by the County Commission. Once approved, it will be put online. Ms. Miller announced JCHSEM received approval for a Mass Care Grant for an animal disaster response trailer that can be used as a resource throughout the Eastern Panhandle. A discussion followed.

New Business

There was a discussion of the Disaster Animal Response Team Training that may be brought into the county once the animal disaster response trailer is purchased.

Ms. Miller announced the Quarterly Partnership Luncheon will be held January 25, 2012 at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races. Lunch is free. Ed Hannon and Ed Smith will be giving a presentation on the Emergency Services Agency 5 Year Plan/Fee. If you are interested in attending, contact Terri Mehling.

Ms. Mehling announced the Animal Welfare Society will be hosting a Valentine's Purrfect Buffet and Auction at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races, February 11, 2012 from 6-10 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$40.00. For more information, visit their website.

Ms. Mehling announced Briggs Animal Adoption Center will be hosting the Spring Fun Walk/Run at Bland Farm, March 24, 2012. For more information, visit their website.

Ms. Mehling announced the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) has their Disaster Recovery Guide now available on ebook: <http://texashelp.tamu.edu/disaster-recovery-guide-and-ebook.php>. Information in the book is animal related. Ms. Mehling passed around a copy of the ebook.

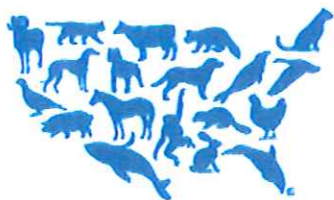
Ms. Mehling announced Bark in the Park will be at Jefferson Memorial Park, June 2 from 10a.m.-2 p.m.

Ms. Mehling reviewed an article that was passed around to committee members on Exotic Pets in West Virginia and how they do not regulate exotic pets. A discussion followed.

Member Sharing

Ms. Miller asked if the committee would like to hold the meetings in different locations. A discussion followed. Ms. Miller will send out an email with different ideas for committee meeting locations.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Animals in Disaster Committee will be on April 16, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. possibly at Briggs Adoption Center.



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 5, 2012

The HSUS Criticizes West Virginia Exotic Pet Bill Veto

The Humane Society of the United States is disappointed that a bill to restrict the ownership of dangerous wild animals in West Virginia was vetoed by Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin. The veto leaves West Virginia as one of only seven states that currently do not regulate the private ownership of dangerous captive wildlife.

“Because of this deeply troubling veto, West Virginia will remain one of the few states in the country with no restrictions on the private ownership of dangerous wildlife, placing public safety and animal welfare in jeopardy,” said Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of The Humane Society of the United States. “God forbid a person gets killed by a pet tiger or chimpanzee in West Virginia because of the failure to enact a sensible policy.”

The legislation was introduced following last year’s incident in Zanesville, Ohio where a convicted felon released his menagerie of about 50 dangerous exotic animals before killing himself. The incident made headlines across the country and sparked efforts to address private ownership of these animals.

The bill, SB 477, was sponsored by Sen. Jeffrey Kessler, D-Marshall, and a similar bill was also introduced in the House as HB 4644, sponsored by Rep. Mike Manypenny, D-Taylor. As passed by the Legislature, SB 477 would have directed the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR) to adopt permit requirements for persons who possess, breed and sell exotic animals. It would have further ordered the DNR to define exotic animals and require owners keeping these animals to maintain liability insurance, properly identify the animals and pay a license fee.

The HSUS predicts that West Virginia will see an influx of dangerous wild animals kept as pets after Ohio is expected to enact a policy cracking down on the private ownership of dangerous captive wildlife. A bill pending in the Ohio Legislature, SB 310, would prohibit individuals from acquiring dangerous animals such as big cats, primates, wolves, bears and crocodiles, and create strong new housing standards for species currently kept by private citizens.

In light of the incident in Zanesville, Ohio, The HSUS strongly urges the Division of Natural Resources to immediately enter into rulemaking to promulgate rules to require licenses for persons who possess, breed and sell exotic animals, and ban future ownership. The HSUS believes that the DNR has the authority to take action on this issue under current law.

The HSUS expresses its thanks to West Virginia legislators who worked to pass SB 477, an important public safety and animal welfare bill, and urges Gov. Tomblin and the Division of Natural Resources to support future legislation and take any possible regulatory actions to address this problem.

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Partners for Pets

Partnering with animal welfare groups can help emergency managers put pets in the disaster preparedness and recovery equation.

By Karen Stewartson | Managing Editor

Sixty-three percent of Americans have a feline friend, canine companion or other type of pet, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association. And when disaster strikes, most pet owners are reluctant to leave those pets behind. That's where partnerships with local animal welfare groups can help, as they did during the 2011 Joplin, Mo., tornado, the Iowa and Memphis, Tenn., floods and other natural disasters nationally.

Through partnerships with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), American Red Cross and local chapters of the Humane Society of the United States, Joplin, Iowa and Memphis received the help they needed

to implement disaster preparedness and response plans that include animals.

Eye on Joplin

On May 22, when the catastrophic tornado struck Joplin, animal control officers were overwhelmed, according to Martin White, an animal control officer for the city. The main objective that night was to set up a co-located animal shelter close to pet owners.

"Experience has shown us through disasters that people will not go to a shelter where they couldn't take their animals," he said. "So we went in with the Red Cross to set up these little animal shelters adjacent to these human shelters."

In addition, White said the tornado was an "eye-opening" experience — one

fraught with doubt. "I was very uncertain what our role would be — and how we would operate and [if we] could we operate," he said of the destruction and response efforts.

But when natural disasters like this \$2.8 billion tornado occur, it is a quandary for all parties involved, since resources must be obtained and lives — both humans and animals — are at stake. The Humane Society of Missouri handled the search and rescue, and the ASPCA did the shelter operations. But Martin said many animals were not rescued because it was unsafe for rescue workers to go into the debris and rubble.

The ASPCA is a nonprofit that "provides local and national leadership in three key areas: caring for pet parents and pets, providing positive outcomes for at-risk animals and serving victims of animal cruelty."

"The Joplin operation was among the most challenging operations because it was so personal to me," said Tim Rickey, senior

I felt like I had a coach on the sidelines whole time while I was trying to figure his incident," Robinson said. "Having [the CA] on hand was a huge benefit to us and everybody in the flood area. Them having contacts and resources, things like that, giving us the education, having worked on any disasters."

With the agency's help, all but 11 animals reunited with their original owners out seven weeks. "We appreciate the chance provided to our county from the CA last year," said Shelby County, Tenn., or Mark H. Luttrell Jr. via email. "Their efforts, both here locally and the extensive work across the nation, saved hundreds of animals who were threatened by a history-making flood and several devastating storms."

Lessons Learned

Although Joplin and Memphis had their unique challenges, there are still lessons others to learn. Becoming educated on how

local, state and federal governments operate is important, said Joplin's White. He recommends working with people who know the ins and outs of requesting resources through all levels of government.

Robinson said one lesson learned in Memphis was keeping paperwork for animals organized so they could eventually be reunited with their owners. In addition, he said preparation is key — knowing local rescue groups will help identify where animals are and provide a head count when disaster strikes.

In the future, both jurisdictions will develop animal preparedness and rescue plans. Joplin already has the funding component, which was a major hurdle, included in its plan, but is still dealing with homeless animals. "They haven't been able to get those animals adopted because the adoption market in that community has gone down significantly," said the ASPCA's Rickey. And Memphis is consulting with the ASPCA on crafting a plan for implementation soon.

But what should be included in a disaster preparedness plan? The first thing, said Rickey, is for citizens to identify friends and family outside their regions who are less likely to be affected by the same disaster and ensuring that pets are properly identified. "Making sure that you tag your pets with updated information and having your pets microchipped," he said. Also, people should consider having an emergency kit for their pets, a crate, extra leashes or any special dietary or medical supplies.

The ASPCA also provides workshops to citizens and local governments (welfare agencies and emergency management agencies). Emergency managers can promote information from the agency's site to their communities. Rickey said the disaster response program will focus on public education and working with local communities to develop and promote disaster planning for animals. 🐾

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director of the ASPCA Field Investigations and Response Team. "It was my hometown; many of my friends and family had been affected by the disaster, so that was part of it."

Rickey, an animal recovery veteran, has led efforts after major disasters like hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Iowa floods and multiple incidents in Missouri. He was on the ground for 45 days and found that it was overwhelming: Pet owners and community members brought in more than 1,300 animals.

Further compounding the problem was handling the truckloads of donated supplies, including crates, food and leashes, without a donation management system. "It was honestly a wonderful problem to have," said Rickey, "but it was a huge challenge for a few days and required us to bring in additional staff and secure an additional warehouse."

Although that was a good problem, White said securing resources and funding through state, local and federal governments for some items was difficult. After the tornado, White said government's red tape



Tim Rickey of the ASPCA Field Investigations and Response Team, and Karen Aquino, then-executive director of the Joplin Humane Society, at an emergency shelter.

made it hard to get air conditioning units to cool down warehouses where animals were being sheltered, and it was difficult getting a site for the emergency shelter supplies.

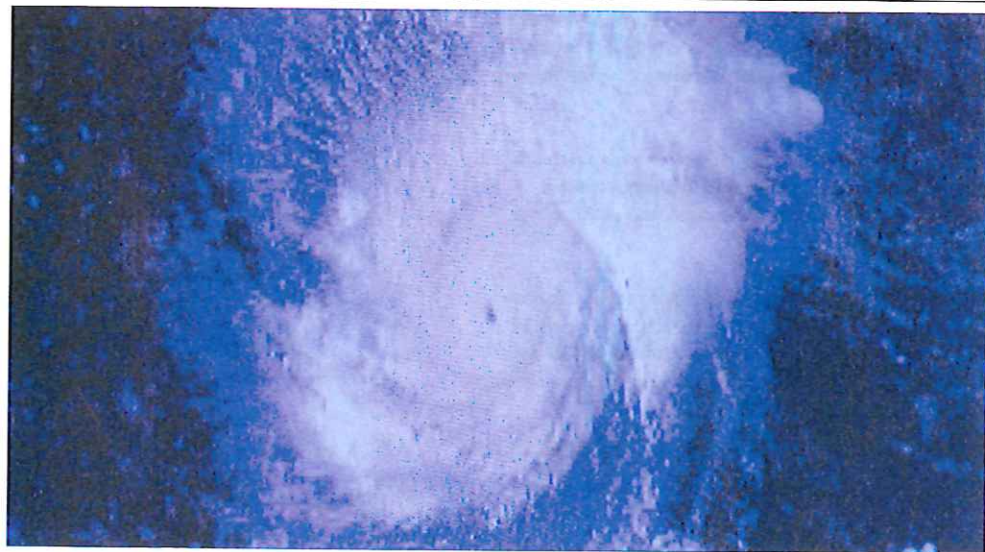
Reminiscent of Katrina

In Memphis, the 2011 flooding and the Mississippi River overflow was somewhat reminiscent of Katrina's aftermath. And just like Joplin, Memphis had its own problems. "We had a significant number of households that were gone to the level of

flooding, and they needed a place to [leave] their animals," said John Robinson, shelter manager for Collierville animal services.

More than 300 animals were housed in an emergency shelter that the ASPCA set up and organized through the Memphis/Shelby County Emergency Management Agency. At the time of the flood, Robinson was the deputy incident commander and oversaw the event with the ASPCA. He said the county didn't have its own technology resources, so most of them came from the ASPCA and other partnering agencies.

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North American countries join forces to prepare for pandemics

A new North American Plan for Animal and Pandemic Influenza supports a faster and more coordinated response to influenza pandemics in North America. President Barack Obama, Mexican President Felipe Calderon, and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper released the plan jointly this week during the North American Leaders Summit as a way to enhance the health and safety of residents of all three nations.

Known as NAPAPI, the plan provides, for the first time, a framework for the health, agriculture, security, and foreign affairs sectors of all three countries to collaborate on pandemic preparedness and response. Collaboration among these partners is vital for a faster response to pandemic threats.

The countries will collaborate to develop and implement concrete actions that strengthen trilateral emergency preparedness and response capacities and capabilities, such as interconnected systems for surveillance and early warning of disease outbreaks and protocols for transporting laboratory samples. The three countries also will conduct joint epidemiological investigations of viruses that could cause human influenza pandemics, as well as outbreaks of animal influenza that pose a threat to human health.

The plan also calls for protecting critical infrastructure in a public health emergency and for developing border policies that do not impose unnecessary restrictions on travel or trade. The plan lays the ground work for mutual assistance during a response, such as sharing personnel as well as vaccines, drugs, diagnostic tests, known collectively as medical countermeasures.

"H1N1 provided a stern reminder that diseases don't respect national borders and can spread rapidly in our interconnected world so protecting health requires cooperation and collaboration among countries," explained Dr. Nicole Lurie, assistant secretary for preparedness and response in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and a rear admiral in the U.S. Public Health Service. "NAPAPI represents a trilateral commitment to enhancing health security across the continent."

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response led the U.S. effort to develop the trilateral plan in collaboration with the Departments of State, Agriculture, and Homeland Security and their counterparts in Mexico and Canada. These partners will continue to collaborate on NAPAPI implementation efforts.

The plan builds on the 2007 North American Plan for Avian and Pandemic Influenza and is the culmination of efforts begun at the 2009 North American Leaders Summit, in which leaders from the three countries committed to building on the lessons learned from the H1N1 pandemic. NAPAPI complements HHS's ongoing efforts in global health.

HHS is the principal federal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response leads HHS in preparing the nation to respond to and recover from adverse health effects of emergencies, supporting communities' ability to withstand adversity, strengthening health and response systems, and enhancing national health security.

The plan is available at www.phe.gov/NAPAPI. Visit www.phe.gov to learn more about ASPR and its international efforts in public health and medical emergency preparedness, response, and recovery.

Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Animals in Disaster Committee
April 16, 2012

The Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management (JCHSEM) Animals in Disaster Committee met on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 12:00pm at Briggs Animal Adoption Center. Those present were: Barbara Miller, Director; Terri Mehling, Deputy Director; Jennifer Maggio, PIO/AA/Vol. Coordinator; Judith Boykin, Animal Advocates of WV; Carmen Flores, CERT Volunteer; Carl French, Berkeley County Health Department; Charlotte Hernandez-Velez, CERT Volunteer; Betty Kreinik, Animal Advocates of WV; Kristen Lewis, Eastern Panhandle Medical Reserve Corps; Megan Moore, NHES; Kat Simon, Friends Furr Life; Kelly Parsons, CERT Volunteer; John Neavens, NHES; and Beth and Belinda Berkemeijer, Animal Advocates of WV.

Call to order

Introductions

Ms. Mehling, JCHSEM Deputy Director, opened the meeting with approval of the minutes of the January 23, 2012 meeting. Kelly Parsons moved to approve the minutes and Kat Simon was second to approve. Motion carried.

Old Business

Ms. Miller reviewed the Animals in Disaster Plan and Grant with the committee. The plan includes the 7 counties of the Eastern Panhandle. JH Consulting was hired to create the Animals in Disaster Plan. Jefferson County chose to include the plan as an annex into the Emergency Operations Plan. Ms. Mehling passed around a copy of the adopted plan. Ms. Miller noted a glitch in the plan. Only Berkeley County Resources are listed; and Ms. Miller is working with JH Consulting on fixing the issue.

Ms. Miller reported JCHSEM was approved for a grant to purchase a companion animal rapid response trailer and supplies. The trailer has been ordered and will be arriving around September. Ms. Miller is working with the State on Disaster Animal Response Team Training for volunteers. Ms. Miller listed the trainings that are required before taking the class.

Ms. Moore reviewed the recent Spring Fun Walk/ Run that took place at Bland Farm held by Briggs Animal Adoption Center. Ms. Moore noted there were over 100 people and animals combined that attended. Briggs Animal Adoption Center will be holding the same event again in the fall. Ms. Moore announced Briggs will be hosting the Pedal for Pooches event, April 28, 2012 at 10 am. It is a noncompetitive bike ride where riders can choose how many miles they bike. If anyone is interested please call Briggs Animal Adoption Center. Ms. Moore also announced Briggs Summer Cool to Care Camp will be coming up. Anyone who is interested can visit the website or call for further details.

Ms. Mehling reviewed the Humane Society press release, "The HSUS Criticizes West Virginia Exotic Pet Bill Veto". A discussion followed.

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New Business

Ms. Mehling announced the Quarterly Partnership Luncheon will be May 2, 2012 at Noon at the Anvil Restaurant in Harpers Ferry. Lunch will be \$11 per person. Ms. Mehling reviewed the menu options. If anyone is interested, please contact her.

Ms. Mehling announced upcoming events that will be held by the Animal Welfare Society. Ms. Mehling noted there will be a Spring Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinic, April 28, 2012 between 10 am-Noon at AAA Self-Storage in Ranson. The cost will be \$10 per animal and they must be over 3 months old. There will be a Mother's Day Flower Sale, May 11-12, 2012 at Domino's in Shepherdstown, Friday from 2pm-6pm and Saturday 10am-2pm.

Ms. Mehling announced Jefferson County Animal Control will be hosting a Rabies Vaccination Clinic, May 19 from 10am-1pm. The cost is \$10.00.

Ms. Mehling announced JCHSEM will be participating in Bark in the Park at Jefferson Memorial Park, June 2, 2012 from 10am-2pm. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact her. Committee members suggested having 2, 2 hour shifts.

Ms. Mehling reviewed the articles attached to the minutes, "Partners for Pets" and "HHS News".

Member Sharing

Ms. Miller discussed the concern for drought in Jefferson County.

Ms. Hernandez-Velez announced the Jefferson County Commission has a broadcast channel on Comcast, Channel 17. If any non-profit organizations would like to post information, please email nhosby@jeffersoncountywv.org.

Ms. Moore asked what training courses volunteers can take in order to help with animals in disaster. Ms. Miller reviewed the courses.

Ms. Simon reported on Friends Furr Life. The organization is a non-profit organization that is a no kill animal rescue and shelter. They rely solely on foster homes. They work on educating the public. They are currently working with animal control in Morgan County on volunteering to clean and put up kennels. Ms. Simon noted they have their own website for more information. Ms. Simon also noted Friends Furr Life will be participating in the 3rd Annual All Camaro and Firebird Show in Martinsburg, WV. All proceeds will be donated to Friends Furr Life.

Ms. Lewis reported the MRC is in the beginning stages of putting together an Animals Response Team.



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In addition, it is important to keep track of the inventory of goods on hand. This will help to determine the cost of goods sold and the gross profit margin. Regular physical counts should be conducted to verify the accuracy of the inventory records.

The second part of the document deals with the various methods of financing a business. It compares the advantages and disadvantages of different sources of capital, such as bank loans, bonds, and equity financing. The author emphasizes the need to choose the most appropriate financing method based on the specific needs and circumstances of the business.

Finally, the document discusses the importance of having a clear and concise business plan. This plan should outline the company's goals, strategies, and financial projections. It is a vital tool for attracting investors and for guiding the company's operations.

In conclusion, the document provides a comprehensive overview of the key aspects of business management. It covers everything from record-keeping and inventory control to financing and business planning. By following the principles and practices outlined here, business owners can ensure the long-term success and profitability of their enterprises.



Ms. Boykin announced the Animal Advocates of WV will be hosting their 2nd Anniversary Event, May 5, 2012 at Poor House Farm Park in Berkeley County, WV. Ms. Boykin noted she is looking for used animal accessories to use in the event of an emergency.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Animals in Disaster Committee will be on July 16, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at Jefferson County Homeland Security & Emergency Management, located at 28 Industrial Blvd., Suite 101, Kearneysville, WV.

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