

Emergency Animal Sheltering-Veterinary Considerations



Target Audience: The course is directed at emergency planners, shelter managers, veterinarians, organized veterinary medicine county coordinators, public health officials, human health services, and govt/non government emergency responders and veterinary emergency response teams.

Training objectives: The objectives are to inform and train participants in the essential components of setting up an emergency animal shelter and address the veterinary component.

- Learn why emergency animal sheltering is important, including the risks to humans and animals of disease transmission, injury, and stress that occur following a disaster
- Familiarize veterinary personnel with the principles of the Incident Command System (ICS) and how they can fit into the response team.
- Become familiar with the most important viral, bacterial, and parasitic conditions that may become problems in a concentrated group of evacuated animals
- Recognize what diseases of domestic animals are most likely to be transmitted to humans in an emergency shelter and how to prevent zoonosis
- Have a practical knowledge of strategies for the use of such important tools as disinfectants, quarantine, and vaccination
- Be able to make plans for setting up a shelter at a fair ground, parking lot, school gymnasium or other facility; including determining how many animals may be expected, selecting types of holding cages, and planning for necessary physical equipment
- Become acquainted with how to lay out a shelter and provide for efficient flow of animals through the facility
- Have a basic knowledge of the husbandry and biology of reptiles, birds, rodents, rabbits, and other 'exotic' species, which will also present to a shelter
- Animals reunification, record keeping, and transportation needs

Course Description: This is an awareness level training delivered as an 8 hour course which includes 6 hours of instruction and a 2 hours table top exercise in emergency animal sheltering. 5.5 units of CE.

Prerequisites: ICS 100 and 700

Enrollment must be done via www.calema.org