

AVMA: VMAT Update

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Objectives



- Program update
- Roles
- Costs
- Logistics and MOU



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Three Roles



- Early Assessment
- Basic Treatment
- Training



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Early Assessment Role



- Assess local veterinary infrastructure
- Increase efficient use of state resources



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Basic Treatment Role



- Field care
- Assist local capabilities



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Training Role



- Decon
- Disaster medicine and triage
- Hazmat



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Training Role



- Critical incident stress management
- Leadership
- Risk Communication
- Occupational Safety



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“Let our advance worrying
become advance thinking
and planning.”

- *Winston Churchill*



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Costs



- Travel, housing and per diem expenses are covered by the

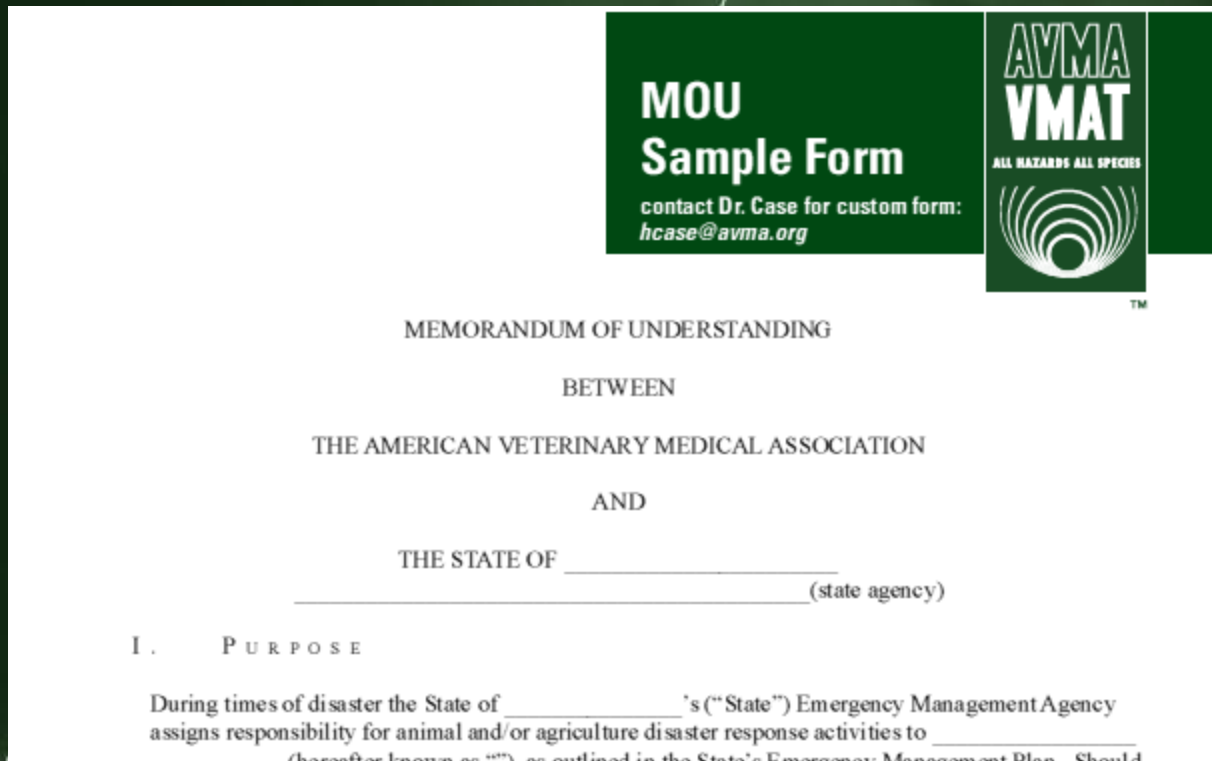


Since 2005 the American Veterinary Medical Foundation has distributed **\$2,320,871** focused on Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Training, Veterinarian Relief and Reimbursement at the National, State, and Local levels



Requirements

- **Signed MOU is absolutely necessary**



**MOU
Sample Form**
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
AND
THE STATE OF _____
(state agency)

I. PURPOSE

During times of disaster the State of _____'s ("State") Emergency Management Agency assigns responsibility for animal and/or agriculture disaster response activities to _____
(hereafter known as "____"), as outlined in the State's Emergency Management Plan. Should



Recap



- Ready and available
- ASSIST and SUPPORT, not replace
- Three roles
- Fully funded
- **MOU necessary**



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AVMA Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMAT)

The AVMA's Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMAT) serve as first responders to ensure high-quality care of animals during disasters and emergencies. When requested by a state, VMATs provide operational emergency response programs to state animal health authorities, and preparedness programs to animal health authorities, veterinary medical associations, and other relevant organizations, including:

- Early assessment of veterinary conditions and need
- Primary field care to augment overwhelmed local capabilities
- Emergency-related training for state veterinary associations, professionals and colleges

The dedicated volunteers who make up the AVMA VMAT program help ensure that pets, livestock, zoo animals and wildlife all receive the care they need during times of crisis.

About VMAT

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The AVMA VMAT program is funded through the generous support of the American Veterinary Medical Foundation. Your donation to the AVMF will help the foundation make emergency care available to all animals in times of crisis.



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