

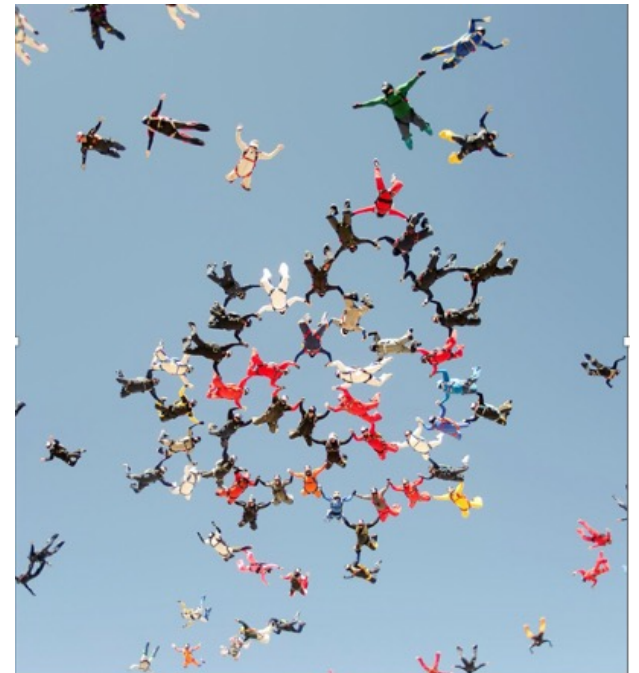
2025 SART PLANNING CONFERENCE

- THE FLORIDA VETERINARY CORPS: Who are we and what do we do?
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- FVMA Disaster Committee Chair
- Florida Veterinary Corps: Medical Director



SART Mission Statement

- SART is a multiagency coordination group consisting of government and private entities dedicated to strengthening all-hazard disaster capabilities through partnerships. Florida SART will support an effective and coordinated incident response for the animal and agricultural sectors in the state of Florida.



A team is not a group of people who work together. A team is a group of people who trust each other. -

OUR PARTNERS



The Florida Veterinary Corps

Who are we?

What do we do?

Where are we going?





Relationship
Between
FVMA,
Florida
Veterinary
Corps and
SART

Cooperative Effort for Veterinary Care

FDACS: manages and coordinates emergency response operations

SART: Coordinates agricultural emergency management across partners

FVMA: Provides veterinary personnel to respond as the FVC

FVC: Delivers veterinary services during emergencies



Cooperative Effort For Veterinary Care

- FDACS
- SART
- FVMA/FVC
- UF/CVM Vets Team
- ASPCA
- HSUS
- FI SARC
- All the SART Partners



During a Response

Coordinated Response: FVMA sits at the table with other SART partners to participate in a coordinated emergency response

Veterinary Personnel: FVMA provides veterinary personnel to respond as the Florida Vet corps (FVC)

Independent Function: The FVMA Disaster Team also helps individual veterinarians for Continuity of Operations (COOP)

Mission of the Florida Veterinary Corps

- Support Private Practices: Ensure continuity of operations for veterinary practices affected by disasters
- Support Animal Services: Provide veterinary support to county animal services and local shelters
- Support Pet-Friendly Shelters: Deliver veterinary care at shelter housing people and pets



Additional FVC Missions

- Temporary Animal Clinics: Provide veterinary support of temporary animal clinics
- Manage Donations: Distribute and manage donations, supplies and pharmaceuticals
- Volunteer Management: Coordination and deploy veterinary volunteers where needed
- Mission Requests: Help SART/Counties with individual mission requests



The logo for Blue Sky Initiatives features a dark blue background with a large, lighter blue circle on the left side. The text "Blue Sky Initiatives" is written in white, centered within the circle.

Blue Sky Initiatives

Training: Provide ongoing training and continuing education for veterinary responders

Community Outreach: Connect local veterinarians with emergency management resources

Disaster Preparedness: Help veterinarians prepare their families, staff, practices and clients for disasters.



How The Florida Vet Corps Helps

Continuity of Operations for Private Practice



Continuity of Operations for Private Practices



Assess Damage: Collect information on extent of damage to veterinary facilities



Identify Need: Determine what practices need for COOP (supplies, meds, generators)

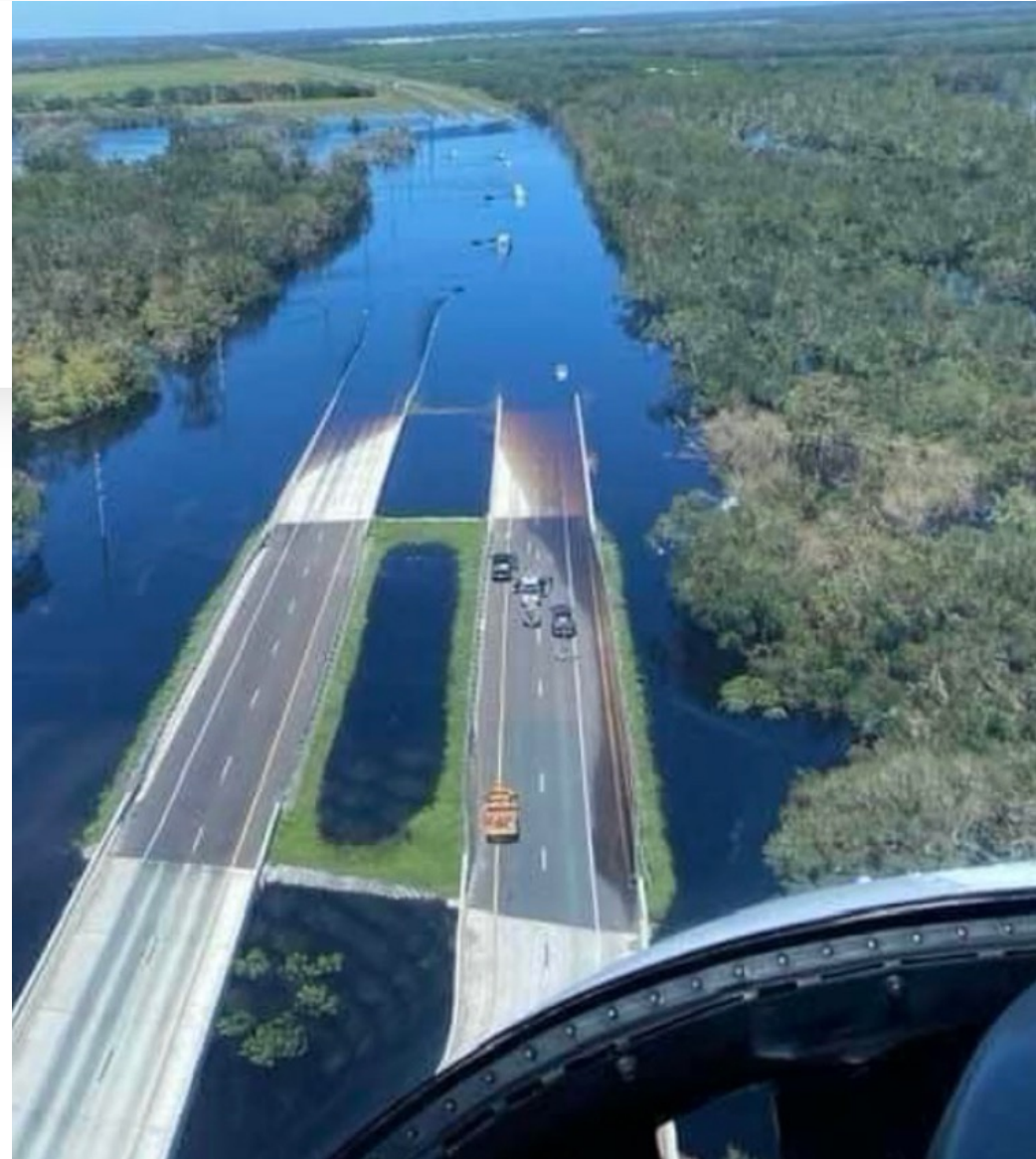


Financial Support: money from AVMA, FVMA foundations and NGO groups like the Greater Good



COOP Issues for Private Practices

- Communications: Maintaining communications before, during and after disaster on multiple channels
- Resource Delivery: assess and deliver supplies, meds and possibly generators
- Personnel Management: Provide outside help for practices with staffing shortages
- Mission Requests: Fulfill individual requests from affected practices





- Individual Mission Requests











- Sometimes the help is better prepared than we are













Veterinary Support of Local Shelters and Animal Services

- Preparing Animals: Exam in house animals to prepare to be shipped out to make room for incoming lost and injured animals.
- Managing Influx: Local shelters easily overwhelmed when incoming pets start arriving. Shelters and Animal Services are usually understaffed and are easily overrun when sick, injured and lost pets arrive.
- Staff Support: Provide additional veterinary expertise to understaffed shelter personnel during crisis
- Logistical Support: drugs, supplies , donations







PET ADOPTION CENTER

THE BEST SHELTER IS
A CARING COMMUNITY

PET
LICENSES
←

LOST &
FOUND
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Handicapped
Parking
By
Disabled
Persons
Only
\$250.00
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Veterinary Support of Human Shelters (Pet Friendly)



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- **Stress Management:** Address stress in both people and animals who have lost everything.
 - **Medical Issues:** Treat animals with stress related including; GI problems, external parasites and pruritis
 - **Daily Visits:** Ensure shelters receive daily visits at least once a day, especially early on

















Veterinary Support of Temporary Animal Hospitals



Veterinary Support of Temporary Animal Hospitals

Manpower: FVMA/FVC provides veterinary personnel to staff temporary clinics

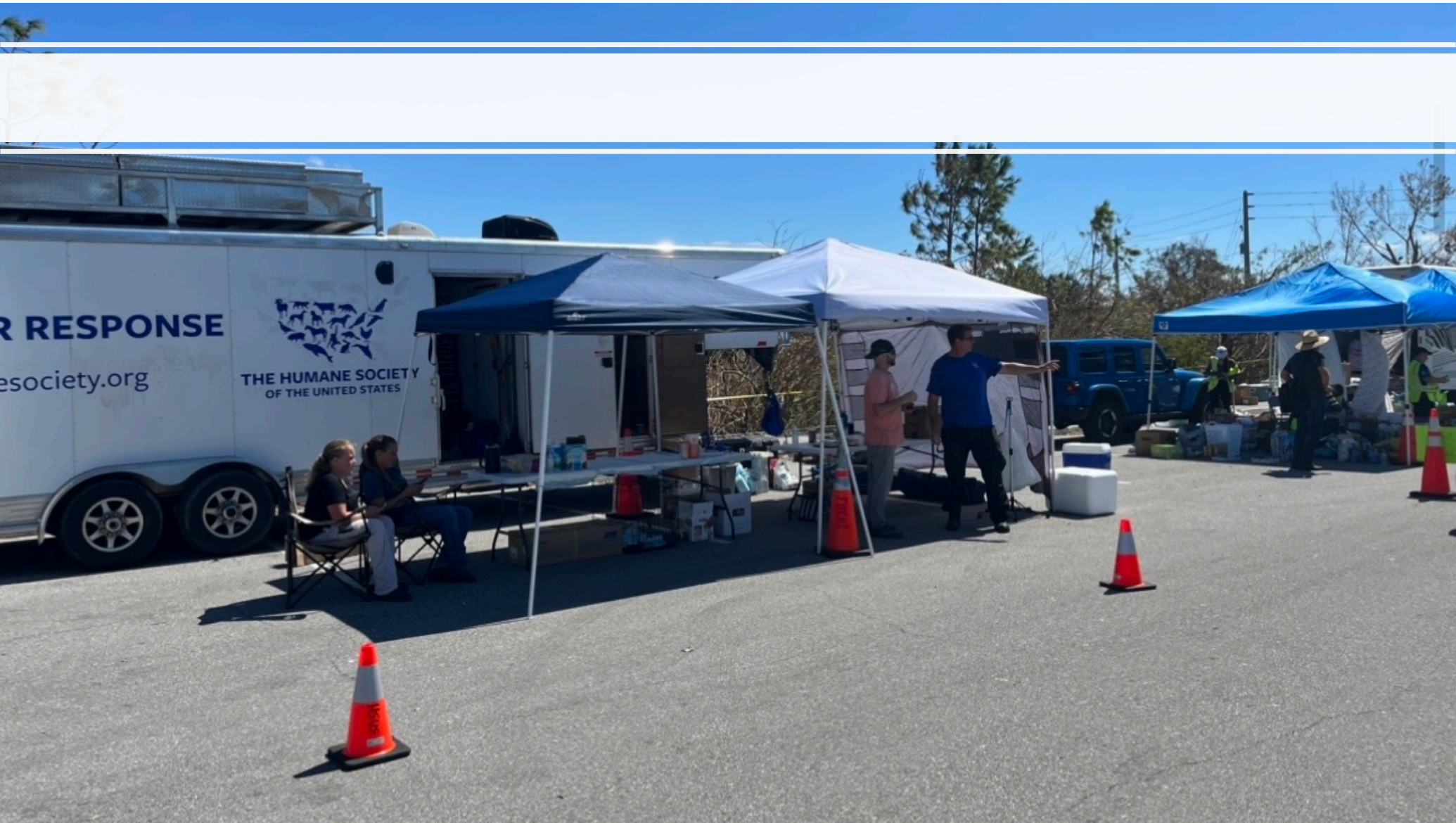
Supplies: Pharmaceutical Routing to temporary clinics

Logistics: Coordinate logistical support for temporary clinics

Strategic relationships with UF/CVM, HSUS and ASPCA.

























Pharmaceutical Routing

Distribution and
Management of donations,
supplies, meds,
pharmaceuticals



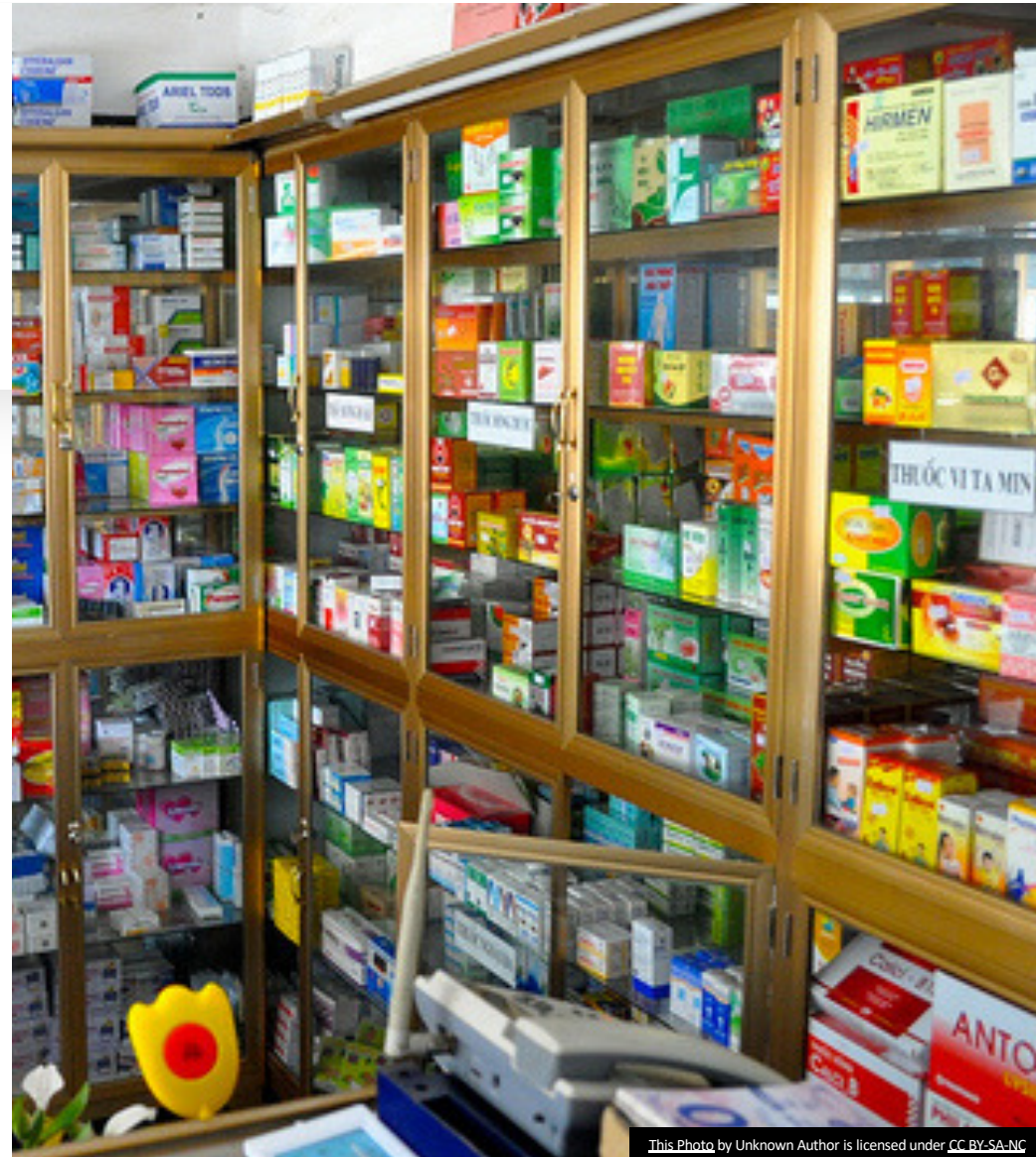
Pharmaceutical Routing

- Manufactures: Pharmaceutical companies donate emergency supplies
- Distributors: Coordinate delivery to affected areas
- FVC Distribution: Manage and route supplies to where they are needed most
- Veterinary Practices (and temporary clinics): receive critical medications to continue operations



Pharmaceutical Routing Issues

- Timely Delivery: Getting meds from distributors to clinics quickly during emergencies
- Cold Chain: Maintaining refrigeration for temperature sensitive meds during power outages
- Inventory Management: Tracking donations and ensuring equitable distribution to affected areas
- Delivery Issues: How and where can meds be delivered



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Volunteer Management

- Overwhelming Response: managing the large number people who want to help
- Placement Challenges: Finding appropriate roles for volunteers based on skills and needs
- FVMA Coordination: FVMA staff organizes volunteers to maximize effectiveness during response

Blue Sky Initiatives

- FVC Training: Specialized Training for FVC Members
- ICS Training: Incident Command System training for coordinated emergency response



Blue Sky Initiatives: Pharmaceutical Solutions

- Vendor Partnerships: Work with vendors on pre-disaster agreements for emergency supplies
- Develop pharmaceutical routing protocols before disasters strike
- Cold Chain Solutions: Create systems for maintaining refrigerated medications during power outages





Blue Sky Initiatives: Roster Development

- Recruitment: Increase FVC roster through targeted recruitment campaign
- Training: Provide required ICS training to all new volunteers
- Deployment Readiness: Ensure volunteers are prepared for active activation when needed



Blue Sky Initiatives: Vertical Integration

- FVMA Leadership: State Level Coordination
- District Representatives: Regional Monitoring
- Local VMA's Local practice assessment



Blue Sky Initiatives: Community Outreach

- Local Connections: Local veterinarians work with county EM before disasters strike
- Mutual Aid: Establish networks for veterinarians to help each other during emergencies
- ESF 17 Coordination: Build relationships with Emergency Support Function 17 (animal and ag issues) agents



FVMA Disaster Preparedness Goals

- ICS Training: Provide ICS training at Annual Meeting
- Continuing Education: Offer disaster preparedness and COOP CE at Annual Meeting
- Enhanced Website: Create comprehensive online resources for disaster preparedness
- Pharmaceutical Solutions: Resolve pharmaceutical routing issues before disasters occur



Communication Goals

- Private Practices: Improve reporting from affected practices after disasters
- FVMA: Coordinate information gathering and resource allocations
- SART: Share information with State Agricultural Response Team
- Resource Deployment: Deliver targeted assistance based on accurate needs assessment



Local Coordination Goals (why we are here today)

- Pre-Disaster Planning: Establish connections before emergencies occur
- Resource Awareness: Ensure local emergency managers know what resources are available
- ESF 17 relationships: Increase Communication between private practitioners and local ESF 17 agents



2024 Florida SART Full-Scale Exercise

- Operation Safe: Major Response exercise to test coordination and capabilities
- Location and Date: Ocala, FL from July 23-25
- Participants: Multiple agencies including FDACS, SART Partners, UF/CVM, FVMA and Florida Vet Corps





Scenario:

- Train Collision: Train collides with dump truck in Marion County
- Hazardous Materials: 12 cars derail with several carrying ethanol that burst into flames
- Toxic Exposure: Fires create toxic gas affecting half-mile radius, contaminating agricultural area
- Animal Impact: Area contains crops, livestock, horses and pets potentially affected

Incident Command has asked Department of Agriculture to to set up at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion:

Mobile Vet Service: triage and acute care for affected animals

Small Animal Shelter: emergency housing for displaced pets

Pet Friendly Emergency Shelter: emergency shelter for people and their pets

Large Animal Shelter: emergency housing for livestock and horses



Partnerships

- Florida SART Partners
- Marion County Emergency Management
- Advanced Planning Consultants
- Florida Forest Service
- The Southeastern Livestock Pavillion



Photos- Pet Friendly Shelter

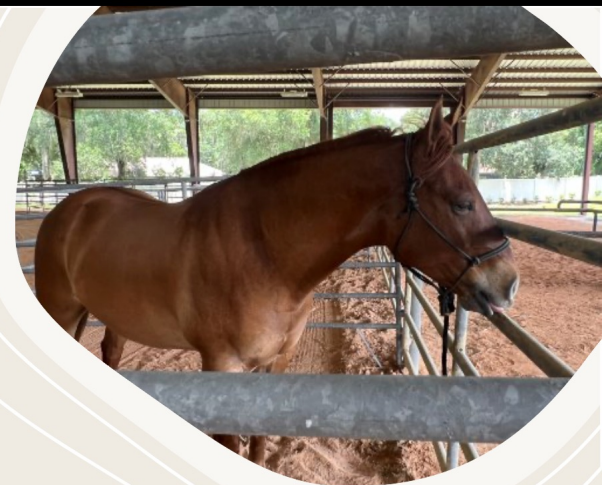
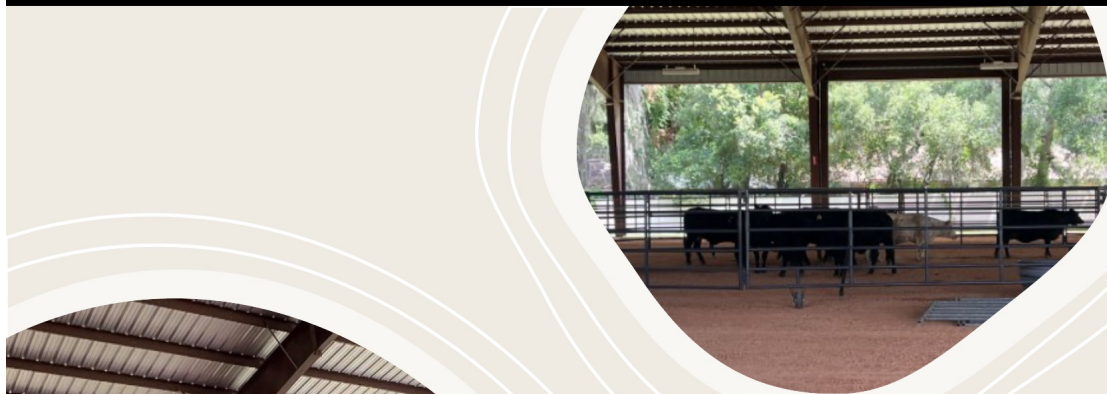


Photos- Small Animal Emergency Shelter



Photos- Veterinary Mobile Unit and Animal Decontamination



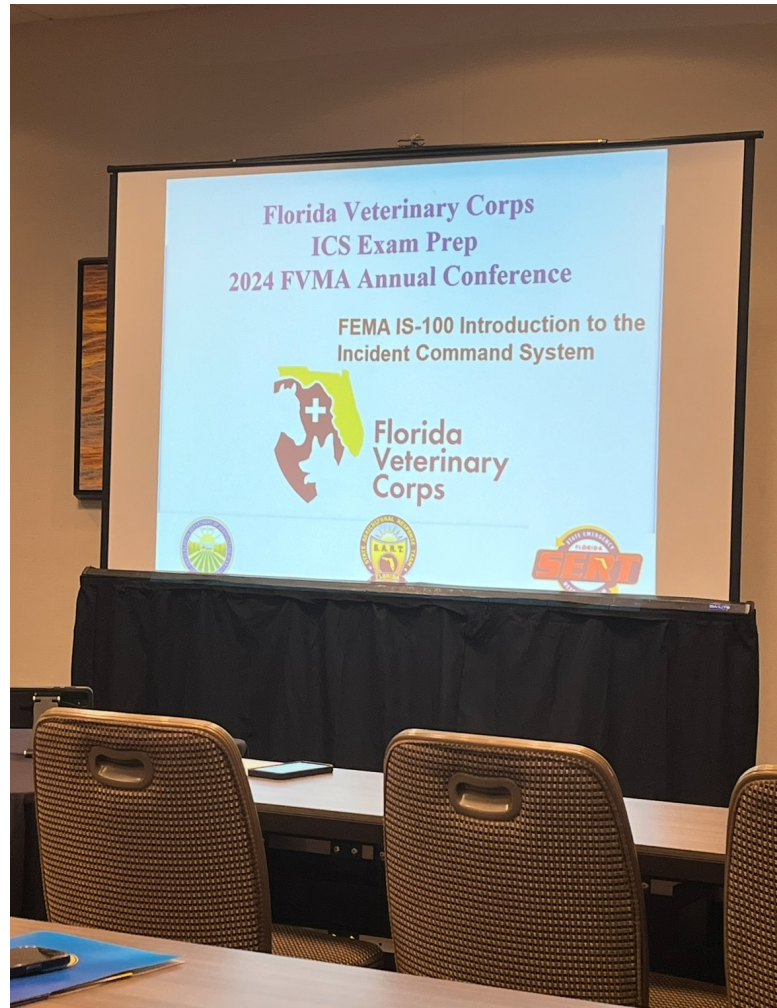


Photos – Large Animal Shelter





ICS Training at FVMA




A man in a light-colored military-style uniform with a patch on the sleeve is standing and presenting to a class. He is holding a small device in his right hand and gesturing towards a large screen. The screen displays a list of management characteristics of the Incident Command System (ICS). In the foreground, the back of a person's head and shoulders are visible, showing they are seated and facing the presentation. The setting appears to be a classroom or training room.

Disaster Training at FVMA

- Basic ICS: Introduction to Incident Command System structure and principles.
- Role-Specific Training: specialized training for veterinary roles within emergency response
- Practical Exercises: Hands-on scenarios to practice emergency response coordination







Community Outreach: FVMA Goals

- Veterinarian Preparedness: Educate veterinarians on how to prepare their families, employees, clinics, clients and their pets for a disaster
- Communication Channels: Improve communication from local practitioners up to state level support to post disaster
- Pre-Disaster Connections: Encourage local veterinarians to connect with emergency management and ESF 17 agents before disaster strikes



Building Relationships Before Disasters

- Local Veterinarians: Build networks among local practitioners for mutual aid during emergencies
- County Emergency Management: Establish relationships with local emergency managers before disasters occur
- ESF17 Agents: Connect with ESF 17 coordinators who handle animal issues

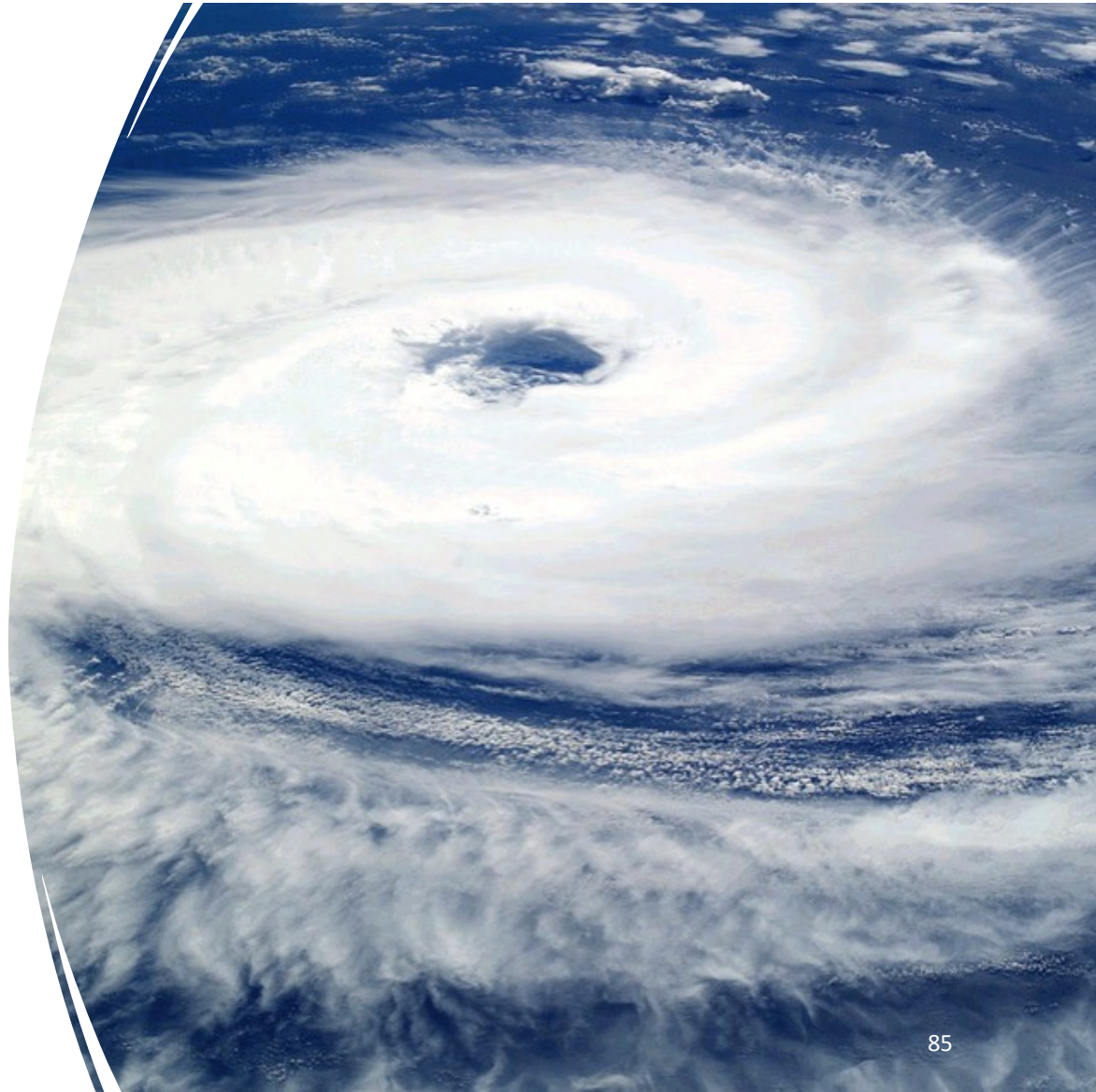


How to Join
the Florida
Veterinary
Corps

Online Application

- Hosted on the FVMA website
- Accessible via Florida SART Website

www.FLSART.org





Required Training for Corps Volunteers



IS-100.C

Introduction to Incident Command System.

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IS-200.C

Basic ICS for Initial Response.

3

IS-700.B

National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introductic

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IS-800.D

National Response Framework, An Introduction.

Further Requirements for FVC

- Activation Only: Volunteers serve only when officially activated by state ESF 17 (No self-deployment)
- Training Complete: Must complete all required ICS trainings
- Readiness: Maintain personal preparedness to respond quickly when activated



Future Plans for the Corps



Refined Application

Streamlined application process for new volunteers.



Marketing Materials

New brochures and promotional materials to recruit volunteers.



District Expansion

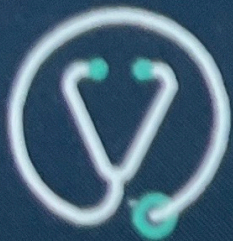
Enhanced connections with FVMA districts for better coordination.



Corps Merchandise

Branded items to build identity and recognition.





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