

ANIMAL CARE

I. Purpose.

This annex establishes workable procedures to coordinate tribal government divisions, volunteer organizations and veterinary medical personnel to provide all animals affected by a man-made or natural disaster with emergency medical care, temporary confinement, shelter, food and water, identification and tracking for return to owner and ultimate disposal of dead and unclaimed animals as necessary.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS.

See Section II, Basic Plan

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS.

General.

- A. Emergency animal care will be an extension of private and public professional's normal duties. Additional animal medical care professionals are available and will be utilized according to the size and type of disaster.
- B. Animal Control services will be an extension of normal Licensed Animal Control Officers duties. In the event that no such officers are present, responsibility will be BIA law enforcement personnel coordinating with local animal care professionals.
- C. Private shelters, local humane associations and local animal related groups can be an excellent source for both manpower and material resources.

IV. TASK ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Organization

- 1. The tribal animal control function will remain as it currently exists. All agencies will function in their normal capacity and, as required, render and receive support and assistance in accordance with existing mutual aid agreements. Local animal care professionals will function in their normal capacity and render assistance in coordination with local animal control agencies. Private and volunteer groups will coordinate with local animal control agencies.

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2. Supporting Organizations:
 - a. Area veterinary clinics
 - b. Area Humane and volunteer groups
 - c. Area boarding and grooming facilities
 - d. Area animal products supply stores
 - e. State agencies as required
 - f. District veterinarian representatives
 - g. State veterinary, technician and animal control associations
 - h. AZA and wildlife control personnel

B. Task Assignment and responsibilities

1. Tribal Animal Care Coordinator is responsible for:
 - a. Coordination between tribal authorities and local animal control and local animal care professionals.
 - b. Coordination between local animal control, local animal care professionals, tribal resources and State/Federal organizations.
 - c. Coordinate tribal animal relief activities including but not limited to sheltering, evacuation procedures, long-term boarding, fostering and adoption.
 - d. Responsible for coordination and collection of animal rescue and recovery data from local shelters, veterinary clinics and other sources.
2. Any available Chickasaw Nation animal control resources will be used with assistance from local and county agencies for animal rescue activities. They will coordinate with local animal care professionals. They will coordinate volunteer organizations to provide needed services. In the event there is no local animal control support then BIA law enforcement personnel will coordinate with local animal care professionals to provide animal care.
3. The Oklahoma Veterinarian Medical Association's district director, or in their absences, alternate district director shall be responsible for coordination of emergency field veterinarians.
4. In the event of a foreign animal disease outbreak, the USDA would assume lead agency role and coordinate all necessary activities.

V. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

Tribal animal control agencies are responsible for animal rescue activities. They are also responsible for coordination of local volunteer organizations. In the event that tribal animal control agencies are not established, these responsibilities will be BIA law enforcement agencies who will designate this authority to local animal care professionals. Local animal care professionals are responsible for veterinary medical care for affected animals. Aid in coordination of activities will be the responsibility of available Animal Care Coordinators and the Veterinary Emergency Triad (VET).

VI. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

The order of succession will be in accordance with local Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's)

VII. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

The tribal animal care coordinator will serve with emergency management personnel in exercises as well as actual disasters.

VIII. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

The tribal animal care coordinator shall conference with the VET and local animal control agencies at least once annually to review this annex and ensure that necessary updates and revisions are prepared and implemented.

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APPENDIX 1 Post Disaster Pet Care

In the event of a large scale disaster in the Chickasaw Nation, the problem of the rescue, transportation and shelter of affected pets will be addressed by the following methods.

Large Animals:

Rescue: The animal owner will first attempt rescue and transport of large animals such as horses, cattle, sheep, ect. themselves. Reports of animals needing rescue and transport should first call Chickasaw Nation Emergency Management in order to arrange those services. Referrals of qualified livestock handlers who can assist the owner should be available to be obtained from local veterinaries or stockyard personnel.

Transportation: If the owner is unable to provide transport the designated shelter areas, the same procedures as above will be followed. Transport will be provided by recommended live stock handlers.

Shelter: Large animals needing to be housed and sheltered will be transported to holding pens at local fairgrounds or stockyards where qualified volunteers will care for them until the emergency situation is conclude and the owner claims them. An identification system will be utilized to keep track of where the animal was rescued from, when it was transported and by whom, and to whom it belongs and (if know) the whereabouts of the owner.

The owners will be expected to contact the shelter (phone number and locations will be provided to all media) within 24 hours in order to identify their animals and will have three days to submit a plan in writing as to when arrangements will be made to pick them up. All animals left unclaimed at the end of two weeks may be sold at auction and the money held for the owner for a time period of up to one year. Owners will be expected to present proof of ownership and pay for all expenses of their animals before taking them form the shelter.

Small Animals:

Rescue: If the animal owner must abandon his/her pet (dogs, cats, birds, ducks, etc.) qualified personnel from the local City Animal Shelters will be enlisted to assist in their rescue. Other volunteers may be called into service as needed to help.

Transportation: All animals to be transported will be loaded into animal crates and will be transported to the nearest city animal shelter.

Shelter: City Animal Shelters will be the first choice for housing of the pets being rescued. If the numbers become to great, fairgrounds, local veterinarians, and kennels

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will be called to shelter the overflow. Animals that can not be cared for at these shelters will be taken to the associated county fair grounds for care and sheltering.

As with the large animals, a records system will be implemented in order to track all animals being sheltered. Volunteers from the community may be called on to assist in care given to the pets while they are being sheltered. Every effort will be made to ascertain the name and whereabouts of all animals delivered to the shelter locations.

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Media:

The local media will be called and given all pertinent information as to who to call for rescue efforts and where the animals may be claimed so that this information can be rapidly dispersed to people who need it.

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APPENDIX 2
VETERINARY LOCATIONS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Aldridge, Doug DVM - Westwood Veterinary Hospital	3905 W Broadway St	Ardmore, OK	(580) 223-0203
Ardmore Animal Care Inc	321 Carol Brown Blvd	Ardmore, OK	(580) 223-7070
Dunn, Barbara J DVM - Prairie Valley Family Pet	1115 Prairie Valley Rd	Ardmore, OK	(580) 226-1818
Large Animal Veterinary Svc		Ardmore, OK	(580) 221-6141
Mc Tague, Lawrence DVM - Ardmore Animal Hospital	1107 S Commerce St	Ardmore, OK	(580) 223-0943
Miller, David DVM - Aaat Equine Clinic	1509 Springdale Rd	Ardmore, OK	(580) 226-2272
Nightengale, Doug DVM - Large Animal Veterinary Svc	1115 Prairie Valley Rd	Ardmore, OK	(580) 221-6141
Nightengale, L W DVM - Town & Country Animal Hospital	2310 S Commerce St	Ardmore, OK	(580) 223-0472
Powers, David A DVM - Arbuckle Animal Hospital	25 N Commerce St	Ardmore, OK	(580) 223-2822
Woulfe, Gary DVM - Ardmore Animal Hospital	1107 S Commerce St	Ardmore, OK	(580) 223-0943
Ada Veterinary Clinic		Ada, OK	(580) 332-9528
Arlington Animal Clinic	3006 Arlington St	Ada, OK	(580) 436-1030
Brandon, Vickie DVM - Felines & Friends Veterinary	2627 Arlington St	Ada, OK	(580) 436-6369
Connally, Don D DVM - Ada Veterinary Clinic Inc	1020 Sandy Creek Dr	Ada, OK	(580) 332-1786
Eaker, Tim C DVM - Animal Medical Ctr	728 E Main St	Ada, OK	(580) 332-3071
Omohundro, W Bruce DVM - Arlington Animal Clinic	3006 Arlington St	Ada, OK	(580) 436-1030
Thomason, Ron DVM - Ada Veterinary Clinic Inc	1020 Sandy Creek Dr	Ada, OK	(580) 332-1786

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Name	Address	City	Phone
Warren, Michael P DVM - Warren Michael P DVM	Rr 1 Box 266	Ada, OK	(580) 332-5980
White, Calvin DVM - Ada Veterinary Clinic Inc	1020 Sandy Creek Dr	Ada, OK	(580) 332-1786
Hall, Rod DVM - Tishomingo Animal Clinic	7601 S Highway 377	Tishomingo, OK	(580) 371-9524