



Animal planning Guide for Emergency Managers

Classes of Animals

The State of Wisconsin recognizes four classes of animals:

1. **Livestock** - Includes farm animals such as cattle, sheep, hogs, and poultry.
2. **Exhibition/Large Animals** - Animals intended for show or recreational purposes; not consumption, and not a household pet.
3. **Household Pets** - Domesticated pets including dogs, cats, birds, turtles, rabbits, etc. (can travel in commercial carriers).
4. **Service Animals** - Guide dogs or other animals trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability.

State Activities by Emergency

Classification Level (ECL):

These are the activities that are specific to animal planning and evacuation.

Alert

- As part of the messaging, animal owners are advised of the situation and of the shelter or evacuation decision.
- At this point some owners relocate their exhibition animals (i.e., put the horses into trailers and leave the area).

Site Area Emergency (SAE)

- People are advised to prepare for an evacuation (including preparing to evacuate their household pets or service animal).
- Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will issue a Livestock Advisory, for livestock owners to shelter their animals and place them on stored feed and water.

General Emergency (GE)

- An evacuation order is given for people in the affected area. Animal advisories are issued well before this, so people at this point can prioritize themselves.
- People are encouraged to bring their household pets and service animals to the Reception Centers for monitoring and if necessary decontamination.
- Evacuees should bring identification, health and immunization records, prescription medications, travel cages and handling equipment for their household pets and service animals to the Reception Centers.

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Considerations for Evacuation of Animals

- Pre-identify a place to bring your exhibition/large animals and transportation needs.
- Obtain copies of your records (ownership, vaccination, etc.) that are ready to take with you in case you have to evacuate, or leave and shelter your animals.