

ESF -17 Sit-Rep
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Situation Report 09/16/05

CURRENT OPERATIONS:

1. The MS Animal Disaster Hotline is still operating and the number is 1-888-722-3106. MVMA continues to provide support for the MS Animal Disaster Fund.
2. Teresa Howes, PIO coordinated a media day for the local media today (9/16/05) from 11:00am-3:00pm.
3. The Incident Commander position was filled by Dr. Jeff Mahany today, and will be rotated to Dr. Stan Crane tomorrow (9/17/05).
4. The staging area sent out 4 loads of supplies to rural distribution points in Jackson, Perry, Green, and Hancock Counties identified by MS Extension Service. Critical needs identified, particularly in Perry County, were met. A complete turnover in personnel at the staging area occurred today and is going well. MSU Extension/CVM/MAFES continue to provide personnel and vehicle support for this operation.
5. The operation continues to be in the recovery phase.
6. The primary operations continue to be procurement/distribution of fencing and feed for livestock, veterinary supplies, and small animal sheltering and care issues.
7. Small animal care issues continue to be coordinated by HSUS and EARS.
8. VMAT 2 is demobilizing and will be leaving Mississippi on Sunday. They have seen approximately 1,019 animals during their assignment. VMAT-3 will cover Hattiesburg and the coastal areas, assisting veterinarians in returning to business, supporting HSUS, and treating displaced animals. Veterinary needs on the coast will also be reassessed. The number of animals seen to date by VMAT 3 members is 1,755.
9. Established temporary animal shelters are still in place. Locations are attached.
10. HSUS lost 48 personnel yesterday but have gotten permission to receive 22 animal control personnel from CA (Sacramento and Los Angeles Counties) and 30 VOAD volunteers from GA (5 arriving Sunday and 25 arriving Wednesday). Three volunteers arrived from Florida today.
11. HSUS is revising their lost animal form and this information will be included in the hotline script.

12. The number of animals seen through 09/14/05 by HSUS follows:

Animal contacts through 9/14/2005

Dates	Dogs	Cats	Other	Horses	Returned-to-Owner	Euthanized	Dead on Arrival
9/5-14	684	356	36	26	50+	5	1

Total Processed: 1,102

Currently sheltered at the Hattiesburg facility: 658

“Others” Includes:

Iguana (1)	Pigeons (7)
Fish (4)	Rabbits (6)
Pot-bellied pigs (4)	

13. The CVM has a courier service for veterinarians from the coast and Picayune area. The courier will deliver supplies and pick up lab samples as needed. CVM continues to provide personnel support for all phases of the operation.

14. The primary safety issue has been heat exhaustion with 17 personnel (primarily HSUS) having been treated yesterday. The Colorado Springs Fire Service team received equipment from the Mississippi Board of Animal Health to build misters near the animal barns. Additional fans are being acquired by the safety officer. Ceiling fans in the barns have been serviced.

UNMET NEEDS:

The staging area is getting low on all supplies; primary procurement needs continue to be hay, horse/cattle feed, and fencing

FUTURE OPERATIONS:

Continue to update hotline script as changes in organization occur

Direct supplies to local counties without alternative supply sources

Continue veterinary support until local veterinarians can resume business

Prepare press release to support monetary donations and halt feed donations

North Carolina's IMT will be activated to MS

ESF-17 Animal Facilities

Mississippi State Fairgrounds
1207 Mississippi Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39202
Hours of Operation 8AM – 6PM
Operations
 Pet-Friendly Shelter
 Equine Sheltering
 Pet Supply Pick up and Receiving

Forrest County Multipurpose Complex
962 Sullivan Drive
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
Building C Rescued Animals
Building D Pet Friendly Shelter
Building D Pet Supply Receiving and Distribution
Barn E Livestock Feed, Hay, Fencing Material
Hours of Operation 8AM – 6PM
Operations
 Veterinary Care
 Pet-Friendly Sheltering
 Equine Sheltering
 Rescued Animal Sheltering
 Pet Supply Pick up and Receiving
 Animal Reunion

Jackson County Animal Shelter
4400 Audubon Dr.
Gautier, MS 39568
Hours of Operation 8AM – 6PM
Operations
 Rescued Animal Sheltering
 Pet Supply Pick up and Receiving

Humane Society of Southern Mississippi
SW corner of 27th St S & Hwy 49
Gulfport, MS 39501
Hours of Operation 8AM – 6PM
Operations
 Veterinary Care
 Rescued Animal Sheltering
 Pet Supply Pick up and Receiving