

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN  
ANNEX K EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION #11  
ANIMALS AND AGRICULTURE**

**PRIMARY:** Montgomery County Animal Resource Center (MCARC)

**SUPPORT:** Montgomery County Farm Bureau Office  
Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management (MCOEM)  
Public Health Dayton and Montgomery County (PHDMC)  
Humane Society of Greater Dayton  
Society for the Improvement of Conditions of Stray Animals (SISCA)  
Local Veterinarians  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)  
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)  
Private Boarding Kennels, Dog Clubs, Stables, and 4-H Clubs  
Miami Valley Veterinary Medical Association  
Greene County Animal Shelter  
Miami County Animal Shelter  
American Society for the Prevention and Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)

**I. INTRODUCTION**

**A. PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of Emergency Support Function (ESF) #11 is to provide for the coordination of services to animals and the agricultural community. The primary and support organizations of ESF #11 coordinate with animal service agencies, agricultural service agencies and related governmental, non-governmental, and private organizations to provide information and support for county-level assessment, response and recovery operations that may impact the animal or agricultural communities in Montgomery County during disasters.
2. To protect domesticated and wild animal resources, the public health, the public food supply, the environment and to ensure the humane care and treatment of animals in case of a large scale emergency.
3. To protect and/or preserve the agricultural resources, the public health, the public food supply, and the environment in case of a large scale emergency.
4. ESF #11 addresses the following concerns for Montgomery County during a disaster:
  - a. Animals lost, strayed, incapable of being cared for by their owners, or a danger to themselves or the public.
  - b. Livestock that is lost, strayed, incapable of being cared for by their owners, or a danger to themselves or the public.
  - c. Crops that are destroyed by the disaster.
  - d. Environmental issues relating to runoff from fields.
  - f. Assessment of agriculture needs of affected areas.
  - g. Agriculture surveillance of the affected areas throughout the disaster.
  - h. Provision of agriculture related services and supplies.
  - i. Testing of food products for public consumption.
  - j. Agriculture recommendations and related releases to the public.
  - k. Identification and application of appropriate agriculture assistance programs.
  - l. Livestock disease and assistance programs.

Each ESF representative is responsible for the dissemination of information that may be of value to other ESF representatives located in the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This information sharing contributes to the response and recovery during an emergency/disaster of any type.

## **II. SITUATION**

- A. The Montgomery County Animal Resource Center (MCARC) is responsible for domestic and non-domestic animals, including livestock that are lost, strayed, incapable of being cared for by their owners, or a danger to themselves or the public.
  - 1. These animals will be sheltered, fed, and returned to their owner if possible.
  - 2. If the animal cannot be returned to its owner they will be processed in accordance with established MCARC procedures.
  - 3. Wild animals out of their natural habitats that are a danger either to themselves or the public will be the responsibility of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife in cooperation with MCARC.
  - 4. The Montgomery County Farm Bureau will notify the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center concerning the status of local agricultural emergencies and the need for assistance.
  - 5. Livestock loose or in need of assistance will be referred to the Humane Society of Greater Dayton.
  - 6. Exotic wildlife, not natural to this region, would be referred to the Humane Society of Greater Dayton.
- B. Assumptions
  - 1. Disasters occurring have the potential to affect crops, livestock, food supplies, domestic and non-domestic animals.
  - 2. The owners of pets or livestock, when notified of an upcoming emergency, will take reasonable steps to shelter and provide for animals under their care and/or control.
  - 3. The sheltering and protection of domestic and non-domestic animals (including livestock) is the responsibility of the owner.
  - 4. Area hospitals maintain pet cages for patients who cannot leave their pet at home.
  - 5. Veterinarian hospitals in the immediate and surrounding areas will serve as primary medical facilities.
  - 6. Each animal shelter will identify resources for potable water, food, medical, cleaning, and shelter supplies in advance of an emergency.

## **III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

- A. Overview
  - 1. The Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management will activate ESF #11 as needed for operation in the Montgomery County EOC.

2. ESF #11 personnel will begin communications with the support agencies and the agricultural community for situation monitoring and staging of resources and personnel.
3. Each agency will assist ESF-15 (Public Information) with providing public advisories in reference to locations where domestic and non-domestic animals may be accepted during emergency situations, emergency veterinary care, and animal welfare issues.
4. ESF #11 primary and support agencies will communicate through telephone, facsimile, email, 800 MHz radio, and cellular telephone capabilities.
5. Evacuated citizens will be responsible for the transportation of and should shelter their domesticated animals at private kennels or veterinarian hospitals as close to the evacuation shelter as possible.
6. Pets with significant injuries or illnesses will be transported to an animal hospital.
7. The MCARC will be responsible for ensuring that a tracking system is in place to unite sheltered pets with their rightful owners.
8. A contract between the animal shelter and the MCARC will be established to provide a means of reimbursement for animal sheltering facilities.
9. Stranded or isolated livestock that cannot be sheltered in place may require outside resources for feeding operations. These will be handled on a case by case basis.
10. In the event that established shelters are destroyed or incapable of functioning, private boarding kennels, veterinarian hospitals, or other support agencies can be requested to open as boarding and/or medical facilities.
11. The MCARC may elect to open temporary shelters as needed.

#### B. Relationships between Levels of Government

1. Federal
  - a. Coordination with federal ESF #11 may occur in the Montgomery County EOC, Ohio EOC, at the site of the emergency and/or in the Disaster Field Office (DFO).
  - b. The state ESF #11 will interface with the federal ESF #11 during assessment, response, and recovery operations in order to ensure coordinated activities.
2. State
  - a. The state ESF #11 will maintain communications with animal and agriculture suppliers, associations, and related organizations throughout the state of Ohio.
3. Local
  - a. The Montgomery County EOC will direct local-level requests related to ESF #11 for action.
4. The Comparison Chart for ESF #11 Organizations lists the organizations that represent ESF #11 at the local, state, and federal level, referenced in the 2008 National Response Framework (NRF). This comparison is to ensure that all organizations have the proper interface when activated during presidentially declared emergencies.

| <b>Comparison Chart for ESF #11 Organizations</b>         |  |   |
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| <b><u>Federal Organizations</u></b>                       | <b><u>State Organizations</u></b>                            | <b><u>Local organizations</u></b>   |
| Department of Health and Human Services                   | Ohio Department of Health                                    | Public Health Dayton and Montgomery County  |
| American Red Cross  | American Red Cross   | ARC Dayton Chapter  |
| Environmental Protection Agency                           | Ohio Environmental Protection Agency                         | Public Health Dayton and Montgomery County<br>Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team |
| Federal Emergency Management Agency                       | Ohio EMA   | MCOEM   |
| USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) | Ohio Department of Agriculture                               | Montgomery County Animal Resource Center  |
| Department of Agriculture<br>USDA Farm Service Agency     | Ohio Department of Agriculture<br>OSU Farm Extension Service | Montgomery County Farm Bureau Office<br>OSU Farm Extension Service,<br>Montgomery County Branch |
| American Veterinary Medical Association                   | Ohio Veterinary Medical Association                          | Miami Valley Veterinary Association   |

\*There is no comparable organization for comparison of duties listed in this ESF

#### **IV. ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

All ESF #12 organizations are responsible for development of internal Standard Operation Guidelines (SOG) that support ESF #11 and EOC operations.

A. The lead agency for ESF #11 is the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center (MCARC). The lead agency acts as the spokesperson for the ESF on animal and agriculture issues and maintains an overview of countywide operations during emergencies. The lead agency may defer to support organizations for briefings and information releases related to support agency's specific programs or areas of concern.

B. Assignment of Responsibility

1. Montgomery County Animal Resource Center (MCARC) will:

- a. Coordinate support agencies to manage animal protection.
- b. Provide and coordinate personnel, equipment, and shelters as required for domestic animals.
- c. Provide and coordinate personnel, equipment, and shelters as required for sick and/or injured non-domestic animals.
- d. Coordinate with Public Health Dayton and Montgomery County (PHDMC) the disposal of deceased animals that may impact the public health.
- e. Provide services to control injuries, bites, and diseases related to the protection of animals.
- f. Provide animal tracking capabilities.
- g. Provide Dog License database for identification purposes.
- h. Provide a list of volunteers to aid in the protection of animals.

2. Montgomery County Farm Bureau Office will:
  - a. Be the point of contact for agricultural aspects of the disaster.
  - b. Conduct agriculture assessments at the site of the disaster to determine agriculture needs and priorities.
  - c. Provide logistical support for farm bureau personnel in the field.
  - d. Provide agriculture advisories and related information as required.
  - e. Maintain ongoing agriculture surveillance of affected communities in order to rapidly identify and address agriculture-related problems.
3. Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management (MCOEM) will:
  - a. Request activation of FEMA programs for pet sheltering and needs.
  - b. Assist with the coordination of ESF #11 agencies.
  - c. Maintain a list of Kennels, Dog Clubs, Stables, and 4-H Clubs.
4. Public Health Dayton and Montgomery County will:
  - a. Coordinate food inspections, investigations, and advisories.
  - b. Test and/or coordinate disposal of contaminated food, livestock, and agricultural products.
5. Humane Society of Greater Dayton will:
  - a. Provide staff to support ESF #11/MCARC initiatives.
  - b. Provide Mobile Surgical Unit for animals.
  - c. Provide a list of volunteers to aid in the protection of animals.
  - d. Provide animal tracking capabilities.
  - e. Provide equipment as needed.
  - f. Shelter and care for pets of evacuated citizens, as needed.
  - g. Assist with non-companion animal species (live stock, wildlife, and exotic animals).
  - h. Liaison with the American Humane Society who can:
    - 1) Provide personnel and equipment to rescue and care for domestic and non-domestic animals.
    - 2) Serve as a Disaster Response Team.
  - i. Liaison with Humane Society of the United States who can:
    - 1) Serve as a Disaster Response Team.

6. Society for the Improvement of Conditions of Stray Animals (SISCA) will:
  - a. Provide staff to support ESF #11/MCARC operations.
  - b. Provide personnel, equipment, shelter, and care for pets of evacuated citizens, when possible.
  - c. Provide animal tracking capabilities.
  - d. Provide a list of volunteers to aid in the protection of animals.
  - e. Provide equipment as needed.
7. Local Veterinarians can:
  - a. Provide a list of Veterinarians
  - b. Assist in administering livestock disease and assistance programs.
  - c. Assist in livestock surveillance of affected areas.
8. Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife will:
  - a. Provide personnel and equipment as required to protect wildlife.
  - b. Provide information on the care or handling of wild animals affected by disasters.
9. Ohio Environmental Protection Agency will:
  - a. Work to identify potentially hazardous material impacts on food supplies.
  - b. Monitor environmental issues relating to runoff from fields.
10. Private Boarding Kennels, Dog Clubs, Stables, and 4-H Clubs will:
  - a. Provide personnel, equipment, shelter, and care for pets of evacuated citizens, when possible.
11. Miami Valley Veterinary Medical Association will:
  - a. Provide personnel to aid in the medical treatment of animals.
  - b. Provide a list of Veterinarians.
  - c. Provide a list of volunteers available to assist, as needed.
  - d. Activate regional Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMAT).
12. Greene and Miami County Animal Shelters will:
  - a. Provide personnel, equipment, shelter, rescue, and care for domestic and non-domestic animals (per Mutual Aid Resolution with MCARC).

13. American Society for the Prevention and Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) will:

- a. Provide personnel, equipment, shelter, rescue, and care for domestic and non-domestic animals.
- b. Provide Forensics
- c. Provide Mobile Surgical Unit
- d. Provide Disaster Response Team

#### **V. RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS OF ESF #11, ANIMALS AND AGRICULTURE**

- A. ESF #11 organizations will be responsible for the maintenance of their own agreements, SOPs, SOGs, MOUs, and Resource Listings that document the equipment, supplies, and services available to them during emergencies. Additional support needs during an emergency may be requested through the Montgomery County EOC to ESF #7, Resource Support.