

The AVMA VMAT Program

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Session Objectives



- Program update
- Roles
- Costs
- Logistics and MOU
- Resources available



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AVMA Ownership & Demographics Sourcebook

- 59.5% of US households own at least one pet
- Approx. 2 pets per household
- Animals in U.S. households
 - 72 million dogs (37.2% of households)
 - 81.7 million cats (32.4% of households)
 - 11.2 million birds (3.9% of households)
 - 7.3 million horses (1.8% of households)



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U.S. Pet Ownership & Demographics Sourcebook.
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AVMA Statistics

“I consider my pet(s)...”

- family members (49.7%)
- companions (48.2%)
- property (2.1%)



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American Veterinary Medical Association U.S. Pet Ownership & Demographics Sourcebook. Am Vet Med Assoc. 2007

Other Animal Populations



\$139,800,000,000*

* The value of livestock and poultry and their products in the United States in 2008



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Three Roles



- Early Assessment
- Basic Treatment
- Training



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Early Assessment Role



- Assess local veterinary infrastructure
- Increase efficient use of state resources



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Basic Treatment Role



- Field care
- Assist local capabilities



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Training Role



- Decon
- Disaster medicine and triage
- Hazmat



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Training Role



- Critical incident stress management
- Leadership
- Risk Communication
- Occupational Safety



“Let our advance worrying
become advance thinking
and planning.”

- *Winston Churchill*



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Costs



- Travel, housing and per diem expenses are covered by the

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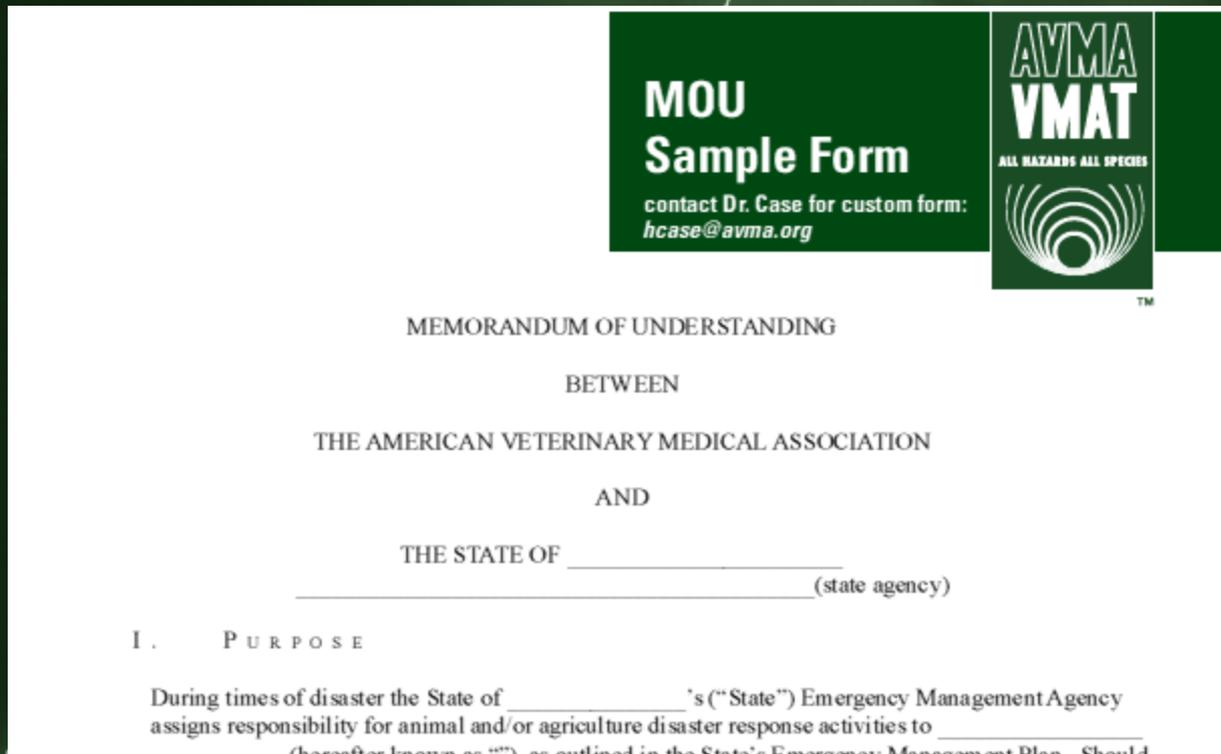


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Requirements

- **Signed MOU is absolutely necessary**



**MOU
Sample Form**
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
AND
THE STATE OF _____
(state agency)

I. PURPOSE

During times of disaster the State of _____'s ("State") Emergency Management Agency assigns responsibility for animal and/or agriculture disaster response activities to _____
(hereafter known as "____"), as outlined in the State's Emergency Management Plan. Should



Recap



- Ready and available
- ASSIST and SUPPORT, not replace
- Three roles
- Fully funded
- **MOU necessary**



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The screenshot shows the AVMA VMAT website interface. At the top, there is a green navigation bar with the AVMA logo and the text "Home | News | Issues | My AVMA | Jobs | Animal Health | Public Health | AVMA@Work". Below this is a search bar with the text "Search AVMA" and links for "Search Tips" and "Advanced Search". The main content area is divided into several sections: "Animal Health" (highlighted in orange), "AVMA VMAT" (a sub-section header), "About VMAT" (a button), and "Donate" (a section with a photo of a person holding a small animal and text describing the program). A sidebar on the left contains a search box, a "Go" button, and a large AVMA VMAT logo with the tagline "ALL HAZARDS ALL SPECIES". Below the logo are links for "VMAT Home", "About VMAT", "VMAT news", "Emergency Preparedness and Response Resources", and "How to Help". At the bottom of the sidebar is a link for "AVMA/SAVMA Members Only". The main content area under "AVMA VMAT" includes a heading "AVMA Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMAT)", a paragraph describing the program's role as first responders, and a bulleted list of services: "Early assessment of veterinary conditions and need", "Primary field care to augment overwhelmed local capabilities", and "Emergency-related training for state veterinary associations, professionals and colleges". Below this list is a paragraph stating that dedicated volunteers ensure that pets, livestock, zoo animals, and wildlife receive the care they need during times of crisis. At the bottom of the main content area are three buttons: "VMAT News", "Resources", and "How to Help Us". The "Donate" section includes a photo of a person holding a small animal, text explaining that the program is funded through the generous support of the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, and a button labeled "Help Animals in Crisis".

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About VMAT

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The AVMA's Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMAT) serve as first responders to ensure high-quality care of animals during disasters and emergencies. When requested by a state, VMATs provide operational emergency response programs to state animal health authorities, and preparedness programs to animal health authorities, veterinary medical associations, and other relevant organizations, including:

- Early assessment of veterinary conditions and need
- Primary field care to augment overwhelmed local capabilities
- Emergency-related training for state veterinary associations, professionals and colleges

The dedicated volunteers who make up the AVMA VMAT program help ensure that pets, livestock, zoo animals and wildlife all receive the care they need during times of crisis.

[VMAT News](#) [Resources](#) [How to Help Us](#)

The AVMA VMAT program is funded through the generous support of the American Veterinary Medical Foundation. Your donation to the AVMF will help the foundation make emergency care available to all animals in times of crisis.

[Help Animals in Crisis](#)



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