Veterinary Science
Preparatory Training for the Veterinary Assistant
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Clinic Emergency Management Plan

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Objectives

- Discuss risk assessment of potential disasters
- Describe written plan for evacuation
- Describe written plan for recovery
- Discuss simulative exercise of complete plan
Risk Assessment

- Anticipate disaster events in area
  - Natural disasters
    - Floods
    - Hurricanes
    - Tornados
  - Man-made disasters
    - Electrical fires
    - Wildfires
    - Chemical explosions
    - Chemical spills
Written Plan for Evacuation

- Objectives for desired results
- Key personnel and responsibilities
- Back-up files of medical records
- Pre-identified destinations
  - Veterinary clinics
  - Evacuation shelters
- Travel routes to pre-identified destinations
- List of equipment and supplies
- List of food and water for hospital staff
- List of food and water for hospital patients
- List of vehicles and transporting plans
  - Equipment and medical supplies
  - Emergency supplies
  - Food and water
  - Hospital staff
  - Hospital patients
  - Cages, collars, and leashes for patients
Means for notifying owners of hospital patients
Means for communications with staff
Means for physical security of staff
Means for physical security of hospital
Means for physical security of patients
Means for treatment of evacuated patients
Means for identifying and tracking patients
Appendices

- List of evacuation highway routes
  - Evacuation road maps
- List of names of staff and volunteers
- List of cell phone numbers of staff
- List of home addresses of staff
- List of evacuation destinations of staff
Written Plan for Recovery

- Post-evacuation
  - Means to return patients to hospital or homes
  - Means to return staff to hospital or homes
  - Means to return equipment and supplies to hospital
Simulative Exercise of Complete Plan

- Distribute plan to staff
  - Communicate and train staff!
- Test the plan in a simulative disaster
  - Rehearse or drill!

- Continual review and update of the written “Clinic Emergency Management Plan”