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Partnering with NGOs

Tips for Increasing Successful Partnerships



If a disaster occurs they will come

- Animal NGOs will show up
- Individual rescuers will show up
- Public will demand action
- How can it all be managed?





Creating Partnerships

- Strong relationships with INGOs and Local NGOs preferably existing before disasters can help streamline the assistance.
- Trust takes time to build!!

INGOs, Local NGOs, and Individual Volunteers

Each of these can provide vital assistance before, during and after disasters

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International NGOs	Have a more substantial source of funding
	May be known and trusted source of assistance
	Often have dedicated experienced teams in disaster preparation and response
	Have access and ability to access widespread social and traditional media
Local NGOs	Often have excellent knowledge of the area and what types of animals may be affected
	May have critical relationships and will be there before and after disaster strikes
Individual Volunteers	May have skills that are helpful and may be able to be funneled through a local NGO to prevent rogue response

Identifying NGOs for Partnerships

What to look for in partners

International NGOs

Proven track record of collaboration with veterinary and government entities.

Clear understanding and communication of capacity and resources.

Experience following chain of command and rules and regulation and government (no judgement)

Local NGOs

Trusted and respected by the community (even better if respected by other local NGOs).

Can clearly articulate the capacity in which they can assist.

Willing to work with the community, veterinary community

Individual Volunteers

Willingness to take instruction, follow the rules and report within a structure.

Good attitude, shows up without an agenda and looking for direction as to where assistance is needed.





Key Points

- Consider an MOU
- At least outlay responsibilities
- Guidance and a plan
- Understand and agree on financial responsibility
- Understand and agree on media and social media communications.
- Technical and High Risk rescue

Red Flags and Considerations

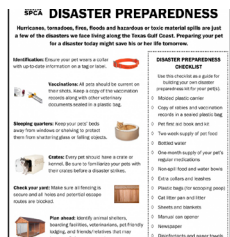
How to Avoid a Sticky Situation



Disrespect towards the community or others working in the same space.



Removing animals from the area without permission or outside the plan



Engaging in misleading social media or overly risky, harmful behavior

Disregard of laws, rules or parameters given (disregarding curfew, nogo zones etc...)



A Win Win Situation

NGOs and government and veterinarians working together can be a powerful tool to address animals in disasters and good communication can ensure that these partnerships provide the maximum benefit and remain strong for the future.



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Questions?

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