



## Animal Welfare Emergency Management Update September 2018

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### National and Regional Animal Welfare Plans

The Ministry for Primary Industries has commenced work on both the national plan and activation process of the animal welfare subfunction. The development of Regional Animal Welfare Plans is also underway. We have been assisting regional CDEM Groups with the writing of these plans. So far feedback has been very positive.

### Workshops and Regional Animal Welfare Groups

MPI has held workshops in Auckland, Waikato, Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast, Canterbury and Northland. These workshops assist in identifying regional hazards and impacts, along with what capacities and arrangements each region may have.

MPI is encouraging the establishment of Regional Animal Welfare Coordination Teams.

### Regional Coordination

MPI is continuing to work on how regional coordination will look. In the meantime, we continue to undertake regional coordination roles.

### MPI Animal Welfare in Emergencies Technical Reference document

The document is currently with MCDEM for final comments. Once finalised, it will be distributed to CDEM Groups and be available on MPI's website.

### Animal Rescue Teams

The SPCA and Massey University have committed to continue to fund their National Rescue Team and Veterinary Emergency Response Team, respectively. Also a new animal rescue charity has been launched, called Animal Evac. We are planning a workshop for rescue groups in the first half of 2019. We are also working on funding for training for animal rescue.

### Factsheets to support planning and response

Online factsheets are being updated, and factsheets for volcanic eruptions, snow storms and heatwaves are being developed. See <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/animal-welfare/animals-in-emergencies/>

### Coming up

- Our next subfunction meeting will be held in September.
- As current legislation does not provide recovery costs for animal welfare in emergencies, we are working with MCDEM to see how we can address this.
- In September, Hayley Carr will be presenting in Singapore at the World Small Animal Veterinary Association conference and Wayne Ricketts at World Animal Protection in Bangkok.