Animal Issues In Disasters

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**Indiana State
Board of Animal Health**

In cooperation with
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Course Objectives

Understand:

1. Potential impact
2. Preparedness opportunities
3. Response Efforts
4. Resource needs

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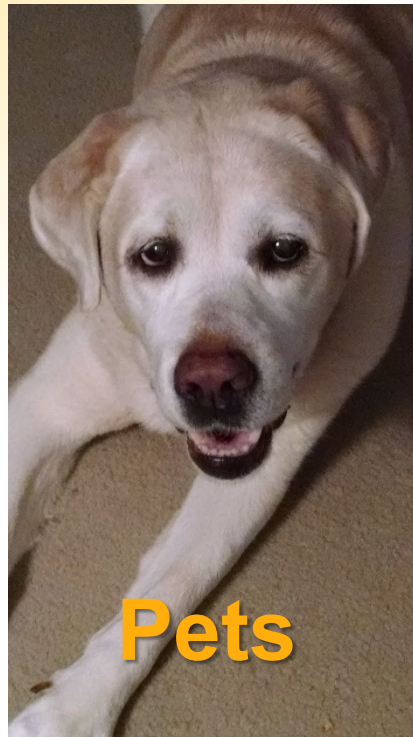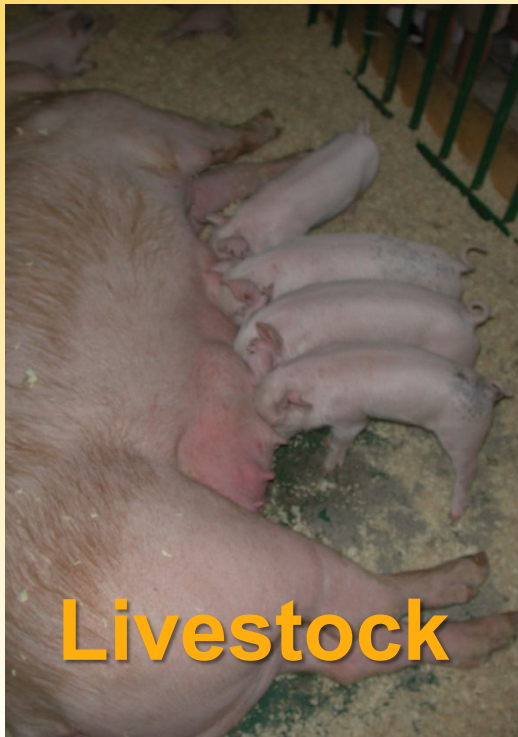
Course Overview & Background

Planning for Animals

Human — Animal bond

Why Plan?

We have a lot of Animals!

Livestock

Pets

Wildlife

Zoos

Why Plan for Animals?

Impact on our lives!

- Indiana ranks #8 in farm exports: $6.6 billion

- ~10 million dogs & cats in Indiana!
  - At least one pet in 69% of homes
  - 33% of households own dogs = 4.8M
  - 37% own cats = 4.9M

- Other related industries: $$?
  - veterinary care, supplies, hunting, etc.

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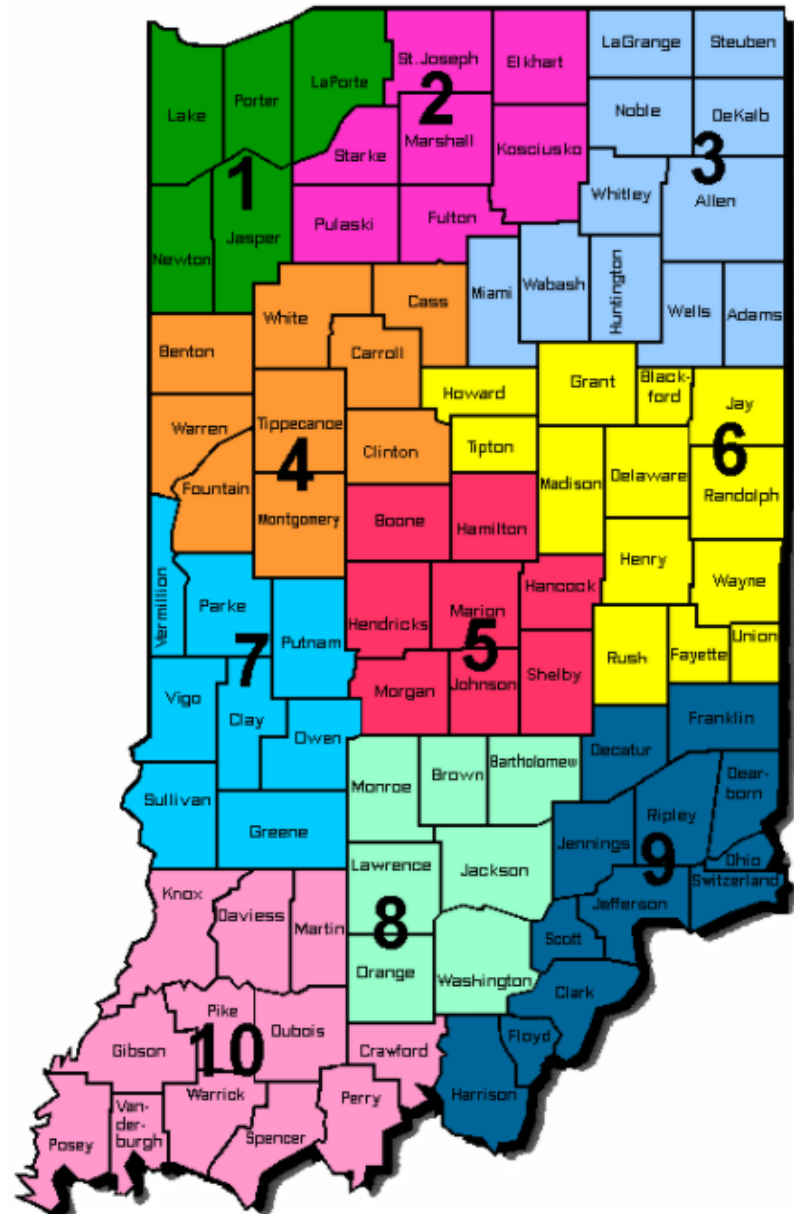*"Office of the State Veterinarian"*

- Responsible for animal health in IN
- 11-Member Board
  - represent major commodities, industries
- 100 Staff Members
  - veterinarians, animal health, support
  - meat, poultry, dairy inspection

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District Structure

Indiana: Including Animals in Planning

1995: SAVE Program

– Annex to state plan

– Natural, man-made disasters

2001: Animal Health & Care ESF

– Added animal health (disease) emergencies

– Emergency Support Function

2006: Federal Plan Expanded, PETS Act

– Pet Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act adopted at federal level

2008: Emergency Support Function 11

– Addresses Food & Agriculture

– Animal diseases, general response

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Planning at National Level

2006: Federal plan expanded

- Rewritten after Hurricane Katrina
- PETS Act
  - Requires accommodation of pets, service animals in evacuations

Indiana's Approach

- ESF 11: Agriculture & Natural Resources
- BOAH is lead agency
    - Aided by IN State Department of Agriculture

Two Areas:
1. Animal Health
2. Animal Care

Animal Health vs. Care

- Differences: Health vs. Care
  - Lead agencies
  - Responsibilities
  - Support
  - Resources
  - Impact

End of Unit 1