Terminology

ACO – Animal Control Officer

ASAR – Animal Search and Rescue

BOAH – Indiana State Board of Animal Health, Indiana regulatory agency

C&D – Cleaning and disinfection

CEMP – Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

Companion Animal – Dogs, cats, other small pets

EMA – Emergency Management Agency

EOC – Emergency Operations Center

ESF – Emergency Support Function

FAD – Foreign Animal Disease

FADD – Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician

FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency

IAP – Incident Action Plan

ICP – Incident Command Post

ICS – Incident Command System

IDHS – Indiana Department of Homeland Security

ISDA – Indiana State Department of Agriculture

JIC – Joint Information Center

Liaison Officer – Point of contact for collaborating agencies; needs are conveyed through this single person to the Incident Commander about proper resources

Mass Care, ESF6 – Emergency Support Function that addresses sheltering and support for people

Mitigation – phase of emergency management cycle describing actions taken to help reduce or eliminate long-term risks caused by hazards or disasters

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding; nonbinding agreement outlining terms and details

NAHLN – National Animal Health Laboratory Network

NIMS – National Incident Management System

Nipah virus – Zoonotic virus originating in bats that can cause SARS or encephalitis

PETS Act of 2006 – Pet Evacuation, and Transportation Standards Act: Requires state and local authorities to include household pets and service animals in disaster response plans

PIO – Public Information Officer: Distributes information to the public through the media and other outlets

Planning Chief – Monitors the IAP to project needs including personnel, equipment, and supplies

Preparedness – phase of emergency management that takes place before an emergency occurs

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Recovery – phase of emergency management cycle in which actions are taken to return to a normal

Response – phase of emergency management cycle in which actions are taken to save lives and prevent further property damage during an emergency

Safety Officer – Keeps all personnel safe by ensuring safe conditions. Identifies hazardous activities to avoid an accident.

SARS – Severe acute respiratory syndrome, potentially fatal zoonotic disease caused by a coronavirus

SOP – Standard Operating Procedure

"SUV" – Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers

USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

Zoonotic – Infectious diseases that are transmitted between animals and people