

# **APPENDIX A**

## **Acronyms, Definitions and Terms**

## A-7.0. Acronyms and Definitions

### Alphabetical Listing of Terms and Definitions

For the purpose of this guidance, the following terms shall have the following meaning. This glossary of terms and definitions provides a basic understanding of the resources commonly used and/or exchanged during a disaster. For additional terms that you will need to be familiar with in an emergency setting please refer to the ASPCA Glossary of Acronyms and Terms at their website: <http://www.aspcapro.org/glossary-of-acronyms-and-terms.php>

#### A

**ACO** – Animal Control Officer

**Animal** - Commercial livestock, companion animals, exotic pets, and restricted species.

**Animal Rescue Team** – A team proficient in animal handling, capture, and management (minimum teams of two). Environments include water (swift water and flood), wildlife, and hazardous materials (HazMat) conditions. Operations include communications and/or evacuations to affect animal rescue.

**AR** - Animal Response

**ARC** - American Red Cross

**ADU** – Animal Decontamination Unit

**AHS** - American Humane Society

**ASPCA** – The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

**Attendant** - Any staff person or volunteer, regardless of service or organization that is working at any designated emergency animal shelter.

**AVMA** – American Veterinary Medical Association

#### B

#### C

**Captive wildlife** - Any non-domestic animals in captivity as a pet, exhibition animal, or production animal, or licensed or permitted by the USFWS.

**CERT** – Citizen Emergency Response Team

**CISM** – Critical Incident Stress Management

**Co-located shelter** - Pre-designated or expedited shelter for pets/companion animals that is located in the immediate area of or on the grounds of the property, but not in the same building used for human shelter or mass care.

**CPR** – Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation

#### D

**DAMF** – Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food

**DAP** – Daily Action Plan

**DART** - Disaster Animal Response Team

**DBHRT** – Disaster Behavioral Health Response Team

**DES** – Department of Environmental Services

A **DHHS** – Department of Health and Human Resources

## **E**

**EAS** – Emergency Animal Sheltering

**EMA** – Emergency Medical Associates

**EMAC** – Emergency Management Assistance Compact

**EMS** - Emergency Medical Service

**EMD** – Emergency Management Director

**Emergency Animal Shelter** - A shelter (building, grounds, lean-to, corral, pen, kennel, etc.) used to house, care for, feed and water an animal or animals as defined above.

**EOC** - Emergency Operations Center

**EOP** – Emergency Operations Plan

**ESF** – Emergency Support Function

**ESU** – Emergency Services Unit

**ETA** – Estimated Time of Arrival

## **F**

**FCC** – Federal Communication Commission

**FEMA** – Federal Emergency Management Agency

## **G**

## **H**

**HazMat** – Hazardous Materials

**HSEM** – Homeland Security and Emergency Management

**HSUS** – Human Society of the United States

## **I**

**IAP** – Incident Action Plan

**IC** – Incident Commander

**ICC** – Incident Command Center

**ICS** – Incident Command System

**ID** – Identification

**IS** – Independent Study

## **J**

**JIC** – Joint Information Center

## **K**

## **L**

**Livestock** - Any cattle, sheep, swine, goat, or any horse, mule or other equine.

## M

**MACE** – Multi-Agency Coordinating Entity Contacts  
**MMRS** – Metropolitan Medical Response System  
**MOU** – Memorandum of Understanding  
**MRC** – Medical Reserve Corps.

## N

**NDMS** – National Disaster Medical System  
**NHDART** – New Hampshire Disaster Animal Response Team  
**NIC** - National Integration Center  
**NIMS** - National Incident Management System

**NRF** – National Response Framework  
**NVRT** – National Veterinary Response Team

## O

**OCOM** – **Office of the Commission**  
**OPEO** – Office of Preparedness and Emergency Operations  
**Ops** - Operations  
**OTC** – Over the counter

## P

**Pet/companion animal** - Any household animal including, but not limited to, cats, dogs and caged birds. Pet/companion animal *does not* include amphibians, reptiles, invertebrates or fish.  
**PETS** - Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards  
**PFA** – Psychological First Aid  
**PIO** – Public Information Officer  
**POC** – Point of Contact  
**PPE** – Personal Protection Equipment  
**PSA** – Public Service Announcement

## Q

## R

**Restricted species** - Any animal requiring a license or permit from the USFWS.  
**RM&D** - Radiological Monitoring and Decontamination  
[Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act](#) (Section 536) (PL 109-308)  
**RV** – Recreational vehicles

## S

**SEOC** – State Emergency Operations Center  
**Service animals** - Animals specially trained to guide, signal, or assist people with disabilities or special needs.  
**SO** – Safety Officer

**SOP** – Standard Operating Procedure

**Staff** - A person employed by or serving with a county, state or federal agency or organization.

## **T**

**TLD** – Thermoluminescent Dosimeter

## **U**

**USDA** – United States Department of Agriculture

**USFWS** - United States Fish and Wildlife Service

## **V**

**Vet** – Veterinarian

**VMAT** – Veterinary Medical Assistance Team

**VOAD** – Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters

**Volunteer** - Any person who, without compensation, assists in carrying out any function, role or responsibility in this document.

## **W**

## **X, Y & Z**