

**All Hazards Preparedness for Animals in Disaster Training set for Billings June 24, 2018 in the Yellowstone County Courthouse from 1 to 5 pm. Room 105 at 217 N 27<sup>th</sup> St., Billings**

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Instructors are Dr. Jeanne Rankin a USDA Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician (FADD) and Dr. Sherrie Nash, a FEMA veterinary responder.

Four hours of CE credit have been requested from the MT Board of Veterinary Medicine.

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**Course Description:**

This is similar to the FEMA course (AWR-328) and recommended participants include:

First Responders including Fire, EMS and Law enforcement; Disaster coordinators, Extension personnel, veterinarians, vet technicians, livestock owners and industry, animal event coordinators, public health and elected officials will find this course to be unique and eye opening. All incidents start and end locally, but if a Foreign Animal Disease is diagnosed anywhere in the USA, all animal movement and domestic and international trade would be immediately be shut down, creating great economic harm, as the response is immediately joint state and federal animal health authorities.

The local disaster of livestock euthanasia, disposal, cleaning and disinfecting each premises, since infected or exposed livestock may be killed, then burned or buried creates great emotional distress. Confidence in the food supply will be shaken and rumors will run rampant causing further national economic catastrophes. High Path Avian Influenza infected millions of poultry in 2015 and currently (May, 2018) virulent New Castle Disease of poultry has been diagnosed in California as examples of Foreign Animal Disease response. During a Foreign Animal Disease Response, veterinarians and technicians can volunteer to be paid responders through the USDA NAHERC system, as well as to be state resources for the state animal health officials.

Come and find out what happens in an animal disaster and what your roles might be.