

# Achieving Compliance through Stakeholder Networks

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## The Alberta Perspective



- Not initially an organized and orchestrated approach
- An evolution
- Our view of the future

## Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC)

- Started in 1993 by the livestock producers of Alberta
- To promote responsible, humane animal care for livestock
- The collective voice on animal welfare matters within the province
- Multiple commodities working together to promote farm animal welfare



## Board Members of AFAC

- Alberta Auction Markets Association
- Alberta Beef Producers
- Alberta Cattle Feeders' (Director at Large)
- Association Alberta Chicken Producers
- Alberta Egg Producers
- Alberta Equestrian Federation
- Alberta Hatching Egg Producers
- Alberta Lamb Producers
- Alberta Milk
- Alberta Pork
- Alberta Turkey Producers
- Alberta Veterinary Medical Association
- University of Alberta Agriculture, Life & Environmental Sciences
- University of Calgary Veterinary Medicine (Director at Large)
- Western Stock Growers Association
- Wild Rose Agricultural Producers
- Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development

### Active Members of AFAC

- Alberta Elk Commission
- Alberta Goat Breeders Association
- Alberta Poultry Hatchery Association
- Bison Producers of Alberta
- Canada/Alberta Livestock Research Trust Inc.
- Calgary Stampede
- Canadian Professional Rodeo Association
- Edmonton Northlands
- Feeder Association of Alberta Ltd.
- Horse Racing Alberta
- Lakeland College, Agricultural Science
- North American Equine Ranching Information Council
- Olds College, School of Animal Science

### AFAC Provincial & National Partners

- Farm & Food Care Ontario
- British Columbia Farm Animal Care Council
- Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan
- National Farm Animal Care Council



### ALERT Line

- Producers helping producers – Resource team of farmers and other community members
- Confidential call line for anyone to report livestock care concerns
- Consensual producer assistance
- Strives to assist before livestock are in distress
- Education of the public
- Works with Alberta SPCA and RCMP




### ALERT Line




- Livestock Care Veterinarian Program
- Provides early consultation and intervention for livestock care
- Not acting as the farm veterinarian
- Compliance principles apply

**ALERT**                      =>                      **AWVERT**

- Currently in the transition phase
- Much larger scope than ALERT
- A result of the ABVMA Euthanasia project




**Animal Welfare Veterinary Emergency Response Team (AWVERT)**



- ALERT Line – there will always be a need to provide support and professional counsel for producers that are having problems
- AWVERT is similar to the ALERT, on a much larger scale


**Alberta Veterinary Medical Association**



- In 2011, the ABVMA restarted on a project to develop a paper discussing alternate methods of euthanasia in farm animals.
- The project grew.....

**ABVMA Euthanasia Project**

- Initially a project started with AFAC (2007)
- Non-Traditional methods of euthanasia of livestock
- AARD made further requests
  - Euthanasia Devices
  - MOUs with municipalities



### Cash Kits - Accles & Shelvoke



- Single stage euthanasia device
- Multiple species
- 56 units in province

### Animal Welfare Veterinary Emergency Response Team (AWVERT)

- Alberta SPCA – AWVERT veterinarians can be contracted to provide professional consultation



### Animal Welfare Veterinary Emergency Response Team (AWVERT)



- RCMP – available to assist in:
  - Traffic accidents with injured or free roaming animals
  - Investigations involving animals
  - Criminal cases involving animals
  - Criminal abuse cases

### AFAC Emergency Trailer Project



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### Canadian Veterinary Reserve

- Joint initiative between the CVMA and CFIA
- Part of a National Emergency Management Policy and Plan
- Responds to animal health emergencies such as FAD outbreak or natural disaster
- Teams of private sector veterinarians
- Currently on hold due to funding



### Animal Welfare Veterinary Emergency Response Team (AWVERT)



- Gaps in preparedness for Alberta
  - Provincially notifiable diseases
  - Localized civil emergency or disaster
- Situations where the CVR is not involved

### H1N1 - 2009



### Animal Welfare Veterinary Emergency Response Team (AWVERT)

- AARD – could be assisted in any provincial animal disease or animal welfare situation



- Slave Lake Fires -2011

### Alberta Emergency Management Agency

- The **Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA)** leads the co-ordination, collaboration and co-operation of all organizations involved in prevention, preparedness and response to disasters and emergencies.
- Ensures the delivery of vital services during a crisis



### Alberta Emergency Management Agency



- Include government, industry, municipalities and first responders
- The Agency is accountable and responsible to our government, to Albertans, to their communities and to industry for the protection of people, their property and the environment from the effects of emergency events.

### Flooding - 2013



### Hippos in the Bow – Tigers in the Jail



### Network of available agencies for AWWERT to assist

- AARD
- AEMA
- RCMP
- AFAC
- ASPCA
- CVR
- Municipalities



### Next Steps??



- Funding
  - Training
  - Sustainability
- Coordination between agencies
  - Know that we are here to help
- MOU's with municipalities

### Thank you!



Questions?

