



The California Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps (CAVMRC) of the California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) is a Unit of the Medical Reserve Corps, a national program of the Office of the Surgeon General and Citizen Corps. In California, multiple agencies support the program. The MRC in California is under the Disaster Health Volunteers and the unit is coordinated administratively by the Disaster Preparedness Committee of the California Veterinary Medical Association. The Disaster preparedness Committee provides guidance to the CAVMRC. For more information on Medical Reserve Corps visit www.MedicalReserveCorps.gov.

Mission:

The California Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps preserves animal well-being and protects the public health and welfare by providing emergency veterinary medical care and expertise in all phases of disaster preparedness and response.

Program Affiliation:

The CVMA registered the CAVMRC as a unit of the Medical Reserve Corps under the California Emergency Medical Services Agency and works in cooperation with a broad range of entities including:

- California Veterinary Medical Foundation
- California Department of Food and Agriculture
- California Disaster Health Care Volunteers
- UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine
- Western University College of Veterinary Medicine
- California Department of Public Health
- California Emergency Management Services Authority
- US Department of Agriculture

The CAVMRC is supported in part by grants from the California Veterinary Medical Foundation and the American Veterinary Medical Foundation. It is a program of the California Veterinary Medical Association.

Who can join the CAVMRC?

You don't need any prior disaster response experience or training to join. The CAVMRC program provides an opportunity for the entire veterinary practice team to participate, including:

- Veterinarians
- Veterinary technicians
- Veterinary assistants, office managers and all support staff members
- Students in veterinary medical programs
- Retired veterinary professionals

What are the benefits?

- Training opportunities (most with CE credits) that allow you to strengthen your personal skills to better serve your practice, your community and our state!
- Frameable certificates for all active members who have completed introductory training, suitable for display to clients.
- Updates from CAVMRC and state agencies concerning information and events pertaining to general and animal health emergency issues.
- "Fast track" into disaster deployment at the local and state levels based on pre-credentialing and affiliation.
- Networking and information sharing opportunities with veterinary team members across the state.

How do I join the CAVMRC?

To join the CAVMRC, contact the CAVMRC Unit Coordinator at 916-649-0599 to receive additional information on the unit, training and registration.

Once registered with the CAVMRC you can go to www.MedicalReserveCorps.gov and sign up to register to receive email updates from the national Medical Reserve Corps as well. Remember, it's for the whole veterinary practice team!

Deployment:

CAVMRC personnel may be deployed one of three general ways:

1. By local emergency management to provide veterinary and public health support in emergency situations.
2. By the State Veterinarian in an animal health emergency or other state-level incident where veterinary personnel are needed.
3. CAVMRC members may also sign up for the National Animal Health Emergency Response Corps (NAHERC) for deployment as paid temporary USDA employees during an emergency event in the US or even in support of other nations! CAVMRC members will receive information on signing up for NAHERC.

Training:

Unit Membership and Training requirements:

Required training: CAVMRC members are required to complete the following training to become regular unit members:

1. Incident Command System (IS-100) Classroom or FEMA Independent Study (online)
2. National Incident Management System (IS-700) Classroom or FEMA Independent Study (online)

Recommended training:

1. Incident Command System (IS-200) Classroom or FEMA Independent Study (online)
2. Animals in Disaster, Modules A & B, (IS 10 & 11) FEMA Independent Study (online)
3. Livestock in Disasters (IS-111) FEMA Independent Study (online)

Unit Membership

CAVMRC personnel who have completed the two required trainings and have submitted the CAVMRC Unit Application through www.healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov will be considered regular CAVMRC Unit members. Additional categories of members may be established in the future for credentialing purposes.

CAVMRC personnel who have not completed all three required trainings, but have submitted the CAVMRC Unit Application and CAVMRC Volunteer Agreement will be considered "trainees" and are asked to complete the basic training requirements within 6 months.

For credentialing purposes, all members and trainees will be classified as:

1. Veterinarians (licensed in California)
2. Veterinary technicians (licensed in California)
3. Veterinary support personnel (for all others)

Unit members may be asked to submit evidence of education, licensing and certification for credentialing purposes. Unit members may also undergo criminal background checks through the California Bureau of Investigation.

All three of the courses along with many others are available in your community and online at <http://training.fema.gov/NIMS/> or through the Train-MRC.

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