

26 – Disaster Animal Preparedness and Response

This internship provides the student opportunities to work with professionals with whom they will partner in their professional lives (veterinarians outside of the private practice realm, county extension agents, brand inspectors, emergency managers and ranchers) as well as participate in community based research efforts. Below is a description of the internship:

Mentor: Dr. Ragan Adams (Clinical Science)

Disaster Animal Preparedness:

- The Office of the State Veterinarian (Drs Roehr, Striegel, Baldwin, Lompkin and Newens) as well as Drs Don Beckett and Kevin Dennison of APHIS are delighted to work with this student. The intern will assist in data collection and analysis of disease surveillance and diagnostics of import to CDA and APHIS. Findings will be included in the student's poster presentation at the annual Extension Forum.
- New extension agents in multiple counties are interested in developing disaster animal plans in cooperation with their emergency managers.
- Larimer County Humane Society, the agency responsible for pets and service animals locally during disaster, will be holding training sessions for their CART members this summer in which the student can participate.
- Intern will become a certified member of the Co Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps and respond to state incidents as needed.