



## Incidents Involving Animals - 10 Step Prompt

Inspiring excellence in animal response

Is this a FRS statutory duty or recognised incident type?

YES

NO

Examples of referral organisations  
Police; HM Coastguard; RSPCA  
Local Authority Animal Health;  
Natural England; Veterinarians;  
Animal welfare Organisations

Follow 10 step process

Can you identify a statutory lead organisation  
or suitable referral agency for animal or environment?

Consider  
appropriate  
resource  
for risk or  
environment

YES

NO

Alert lead organisation

Follow 10 step process

Is there an MOU or is  
there reason on basis  
of risk or animal welfare  
for attendance?

Is there a basis for  
deployment of  
resources based on risk  
or welfare

YES

NO

YES

NO

Follow 10 step process

Close incident

Consider appropriate  
resource  
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Log rationale, inform  
any relevant agencies  
and close incident



1. Consider Species
2. Assess Situation
3. Consider Environment
4. Impact of People
5. Determine the Task
6. Identify Additional Animal Risks
7. Planning
8. Determine PPE and Equipment
9. Appropriate Skill Sets
10. Communicate Actions

## Species;

- Domestic
- Equine
- Livestock
- Exotic
- Wildlife

## Number of animals?

## Context;

- Security / guarding
- Research establishments
- Zoological / wildlife parks
- Commercial / farmed / breeder
- Shows / sporting events
- Companion / pet / hobby / assistance
- Welfare establishments / sanctuary
- Marine environments
- Retail
- Non indigenous species
- Service animals



# Notes

## Situation;

- Life at risk
- Trapped
- Loose
- Marooned
- Welfare / assist other agency
- Repatriation / responsibility

## Context;

- Direct / Indirect human life / injury risk
- Direct / Indirect animal life / injury risk
- Legal / moral / societal responsibilities
- Duty of care
- Organisational capabilities



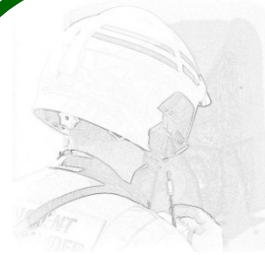
# Notes

## Environment;

- Structure
- Enclosed Space
- In Transit (Air / Sea / Road / Rail)
- Water, Ice and Unstable Ground
- Road (Urban / Rural / Motorway)
- Entangled
- Height / Depth

## Context;

- Fire
- Flooding
- Severe Weather (Wind / rain / heat / snow / ice)
- Environmental Conditions (hot / cold)
- Day or Night
- Road Traffic Collision
- Hazmat / CBRNE / MTFA
- Inland / Coastal / Offshore / Tidal
- Loose Contained / Uncontained



# Notes

## People;

- Who is there?
- Who are they?
- What are they doing?
- What might they do?

## Context;

- Human animal bond
- Owner / Keeper
- General Public
- Other Responders
- Welfare Groups
- Veterinary Professionals
- Emotional impact of situation
- Social media



# Notes

## Task;

- Rescue
- Evacuation
- Manage Risk
- Pre Veterinary IEC
- Assist Other Agencies
- Veterinary / Welfare Assist
- Post Incident, recovery / containment / transportation



# Notes



## Additional Animal Risks (From);

- Dangerous Wild Animals
- Status Dogs
- Trained Aggression
- Maternal Instincts
- Entire Male
- Breed Characteristics
- Injured
- Lone Herd Animals
- Poisonous
- Unsocialised / wild
- Distressed
- Escape / Compromised Containment
- Zoonoses
- Infection

## Additional Animal Risks (To);

- Further Injury
- Suffering / Welfare
- Death



# Notes

## Planning

Casualty centered plan based on sound welfare principles and safe system of work

### Information gathering;

- Site Specific Risk Information
- Specialist advice
- Local knowledge
- On site information and expertise
- Interagency tactical advisors
- Resource Availability
- Other agency capabilities
- Local Response Protocols / Differences
- Over the border MOU's and variances

### Consider;

- Scene management and situational awareness
- Joint understanding of risks
- Viability assessment (euthanasia options)
- Physical capture, control, containment options
- Chemical capture and control
- Plan and control the release or final destination



# Notes

In addition to standard PPE, consider additional PPE and equipment for;

- Task
- Environment
- Post Incident Protocols

**Consider;**

- Service Specific
- Other Local Resources
- Other agency skills and attributes

Consider whether the PPE worn is sufficient for the task, animal and environmental hazards.



# Notes

## Skill Sets; FRS, vets and other agencies

### Initial

- Situational Awareness

### Intermediate

- Responder Intervention

### Advanced

- Technical / Tactical (operational / strategic)

### Additional Modules

- Specific skills sets



# Notes

### Behavioral Modules

Canine Encounters  
Equine Encounters  
Livestock Encounters  
Exotics Encounters  
Wildlife Encounters

### Technical Modules

Recumbent Large Animals  
Transportation Incidents  
Decontamination  
Evacuation  
Rescues from Height

### Technical Modules

Rescues from Enclosed Space  
Lifting and Winching for Animal Rescue  
Rescues from Water/Ice/Unstable Ground  
Pre-veterinary Immediate Emergency Care  
Incident Management  
Veterinary Immediate Care

## Actions

### Offensive

- Risk assessed positive action
- Access and egress maintained

### Defensive

- Risk assessed scene management

### Cordon control

### Justification

- Risk assessed action based on objectives and skills focusing on safety within a human and animal casualty centered plan

Consider JESIP – Joint decision making model: <https://www.jesip.org.uk/aide-memoires>



# Notes

Local Organisation	Named Contact	Phone Number	Skills	notes