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Horses are amongst animals set to benefit from a new organisation that aims to keep people and animals safer when managing

incidents.

A strategic focus for animal emergency incident management in Australia and New Zealand is the primary aim for a new organisation.

The Animal Emergency Incident Management Network Australia and New Zealand (AEIMN ANZ) will advance all aspects of incident management involving animals, including research, policy, education, planning, safety, and practices to improve animal welfare outcomes" said Professor Josh Slater, the Chair. "We will be working with local, national and international organisations to share knowledge and skills to foster continuous improvement of how we manage incidents involving animals."

"The organisation brings together veterinarians, emergency responders and policymakers to develop and promote safer practices at incidents involving domestic animals." said David King ESM, the Vice-Chair. 'It is a unique opportunity for responders to incidents involving domestic animals to share experiences and to learn from each other".

One avenue available to share information and learnings from experiences out in the field is a stakeholder forum, which is open to educators, instructors and other persons responsible for the oversight or delivery of training or policy. The website, launched this week, lists dates for face to face and online activities.

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