To be recognized as the leader in the Veterinary Community for advancing the understanding and importance of the human-animal bond.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- HABA Strategic Planning Meeting; February 15th, 2019, Las Vegas, NV
- HABA Board Meeting; February 16th, Las Vegas, NV
- WVC HABA Educational Track; February 18th, 2019, MBCC, Lagoon H, Level 2
- WVC HABA Educational Track; February 20th, 2019, MBCC, South Seas E, Level 3
- AVMA HABA Educational Track; August 2nd - 6th, 2019

Welcome to 2019! I just wanted to introduce myself as a new HABA Board Member and as the newly appointed HABA Newsletter Editor. I am excited to get more involved in this organization and especially to be representing the veterinary technician/nurse profession. I can’t tell you how important it is for our profession to have a voice in the human animal bond area and am very honored to be in this position.

We have many great things that will be taking place in 2019 that will allow HABA to grow and be successful with our mission and values.

One of the first of things getting underway in 2019 will be a strategic planning meeting in Las Vegas just prior to the start of WVC in February. We will follow this meeting the next day with our annual face to face board meeting and thru out the year we will be presenting at various national veterinary conferences, so be sure to attend.

We are always open to all of you, our membership and veterinary professionals, for any ideas or thoughts you may have. We want to be sure we are connecting with you and providing you with what you need to bring the human animal bond to its fullest potential and for everyone to see what an impact it has on the lives of animals and humans.

Happy 2019 and the best to you and yours!

Julie Legred, CVT
HABA Director at Large & Newsletter Editor
When it comes to being prepared to keep your pets safe during a disaster, we could all use a little refresher. Here are some key points to keep in mind, adapted from the Empire State Animal Response Team and from “Be Prepared! Notes from the Field on Disaster Planning,” Trends Magazine, September 2018 edition.

- If you evacuate, bring your pets with you if at all possible
- When warned of an potential disaster, start preparing for evacuation as early as possible
- Have a pet evacuation kit with 3 day’s worth of food (replace every two months), 3 day supply of water (replace every two months), medications and vitamins (replace when expired), cages, carriers, leashes and collars or harnesses with identification and contact information, photos and important records and license information in a zip lock bag. Be sure your pet wears identification and is microchipped
- Cleaning supplies - chlorine bleach, dish soap, paper towels and garbage bags. As a disinfectant use 1 part bleach to 10 parts water. As a water purifier, use 16 drops of bleach to 1 gallon of water.
- Additional supplies include a pet first aid kit (consult your veterinarian for a list of supplies), dishes, bottles, bedding, cage liner, comfort items such as favorite toys, dog muzzle (even the nicest dogs can bite when stressed and scared), cat harness, leash and litter box with litter, relative soaking dish, pillow case, and heat source, small animal salt lick, hiding place, pillow case or cage cover, and bird cuttle bone, catch net and cage cover.
- Create a buddy system so a friend or family member can evacuate your pets if you’re not home to do so. Arrange for pet-friendly accommodation whether it be with family, friends, or a phone number to a pet friendly hotel.
- Have the phone numbers of local emergency response agencies
- Place Pets Inside stickers on your front and back door with number and types of pets in the house
- Make sure your own basics are covered and include drinking water, cash, non-perishable food, lighting, and generators plus gasoline if possible.
There are a number of websites for planning and preparedness:

- Caring for Animals (ready.gov/animals)
- American Red Cross Emergency Response Planner (readyrating.org/)
- Open for Business Basic (disastersafety.org/open-for-business/ofb-basic/)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency National Flood Insurance Program (floodsmart.gov)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response (cdc.gov/phpr/areyouprepared/index.htm)
- Department of Homeland Security Disaster Assistance (disasterassistance.gov/get-assistance/other-recovery-help)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline)
- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recommends using text messaging, email or social media instead of voice calls on cellphones to avoid tying up voice networks during disasters. Use American Red Cross’s Safe and Well program to post your status.

Human-Animal Bond Certification Program

Certification on the Human-Animal Bond now available for veterinarians, technicians and practice managers:

Earlier this year, AVMA partnered with the Human Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI) and the North American Veterinary Community (NAVC) to produce a course that offers certification in the human-animal Bond.

This series of self-paced, online modules focuses on the human-animal relationship. It broaches the science behind the benefits of the human-animal bond, as well as animal welfare, medical care, and communication skills to help cultivate bond-building within a practice. Marketing materials are also available to promote pet ownership and practice growth.

This course is currently available through NAVC at https://learningacademy.navc.com for $299.00.
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