Graduate Certificate Program in Veterinary Homeland Security
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INITIATIVE

A web-based, graduate-level, distance learning certificate program was developed for individuals involved in animal emergency response. Participants enhance their understanding of natural and intentional threats to animal health and strengthen their skills in management of animal-related emergencies.

The activity is a cooperative effort among the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine, the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, Purdue University's Discovery Park, the Indiana State Police, the Purdue Graduate School, Purdue University Continuing Education and Conferences, and many others.

IMPACT

➢ A critical mass of professionals are trained to prevent and respond to animal-related emergencies that have the potential to negatively impact the economy, food safety, public health or animal health.

➢ Nearly 139 professionals from 33 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, Canada, Singapore, South Korea and Bermuda have participated in the veterinary homeland security program. Participants represent the veterinary profession, government, military, academia, law enforcement and industry. Completed projects include plans for addressing animal emergencies in various communities and the identification of community resources to be used in the event of emergencies involving animals.

➢ Fourteen graduate courses are available online, and the curriculum complies with National Animal Health Emergency Management System (NAHEMS) Guidelines. The curriculum has been presented at several meetings, conferences and conventions. The Journal of Veterinary Medical Education also has published an article about the program.

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