

CVR Advisory Board and Partners

The CVR is fortunate to have the broad support of the animal health community across Canada represented on the **CVR Advisory Board**:

- Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- Public Health Agency of Canada
- Public Safety Canada
- Provincial Registrars
- Provincial Veterinary Medical Associations
- Provincial Chief Veterinary Officers
- Canadian Veterinary Colleges
- Canadian Animal Health Institute
- Canadian Animal Health Coalition
- Veterinarians Without Borders
- Oceanographic Environmental Research Society
- Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
- Canadian Association of Animal Health Technologists and Technicians

International Partners:

- American Veterinary Medical Association
- Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA-Canada)

Partners Welcome

The CVR continues to seek partners to collaborate with and support training and development initiatives which are designed to ensure CVR veterinarians are ready when disaster strikes. After all, it is not a question of if a major disaster affecting animals will occur, but when.

The Canadian Veterinary Reserve

Canadian veterinarians working in partnership with governments to provide medical expertise for animals in foreign animal disease outbreaks and large-scale disasters and emergencies.

Interested in learning more?

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Canadian Veterinarians - Ready to Respond!

The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association's, Canadian Veterinary Reserve (CVR) is a national, volunteer membership of qualified Canadian veterinarians who are available to rapidly assist governments to respond to outbreaks of foreign animal disease and other large-scale emergencies and disasters that affect animals.



CVR members are trained to provide veterinary surge capacity to federal, provincial, territorial and international governments when requested. This means that in an emergency, if the need for veterinary personnel exceeds what the various governments can provide, they can call on the CVR to provide additional or "surge" capacity.

Of course, we all hope that a disaster involving animals will never happen here in Canada or elsewhere in the world, but we know these things do happen. *That's why Canadian veterinarians are ready to respond and over 450 have put their names forward to join the Canadian Veterinary Reserve!*

READY for Foreign Animal Disease Response

The term "Foreign Animal Disease" (FAD) refers to a range of diseases of livestock, poultry and wildlife that have never been detected in Canada or are considered eradicated. The mission of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), an agency of the federal government, is to safeguard food, animals and plants in Canada.



If a Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) were found in Canada there would be a rapid and intense response, led by the CFIA, to control and eradicate the disease.



In a major FAD outbreak, the veterinary personnel resources of the CFIA could be exceeded quickly and, if they were, the CVR could provide the additional veterinary personnel needed to help control and eradicate the disease.

Over 200 CVR members have been specially trained by the CFIA in foreign animal disease response.



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READY for Disaster Emergency Response

Intense weather-related events and resulting disasters have been abundant in the first decade of the 21st century. There are many events and circumstances in which the CVR may be called upon to provide veterinary expertise and support. These include:

Biological events such as epidemics and vector (insect) infestations; **Weather related events** - hurricanes, floods, storms, landslides, avalanches, fires, droughts; **Geophysical events** - earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions and **Man-made events** either accidental or intentional including physical, chemical, radiological and nuclear events, and biological contamination.



Domestically: The CVR works with federal, provincial and territorial governments in Canada to enhance their capacity to respond to all types of disasters and emergencies that affect animals in Canada.

Internationally: If another country is facing a large-scale emergency or disaster that impacts animals and requires additional veterinary resources, the government of that country can request the assistance of the CVR. The CVR will, with the appropriate support, deploy to assist in countries around the world to respond to the health needs of animals and/or oversee the humane handling of animals in an emergency situation.

Why is the CVR Needed?

In general, governments lead the response in large-scale disasters and emergencies. In Canada, as in most countries, the government may not have sufficient numbers of veterinarians on staff to deal with an animal health crisis of very large proportion. Governments maintain a base of resources that can respond to the most likely occurrences and look to other sources to assist on an as and when needed basis (often called "surge capacity"). The CVR has been established to provide this veterinary medical surge capacity in Canada.

How is the CVR activated?

The CVR is activated when a request is made from the federal or a provincial/territorial government to the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) which manages the CVR program. When a valid request from government has been received, the CVMA proceeds to notify and mobilize CVR veterinarians.



Are there other Veterinary Reserves like the CVR?

There are. Veterinary Reserves exist in the United States, United Kingdom and Australia. In 2006, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association stepped forward to play a lead role in the development of the CVR for Canada. With the ongoing support and partnership of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the CVR was established in 2006 and has grown steadily since that time.