Strategies for Implementing One Welfare into Emergency Response

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Connection – human-animal-environment
Human-animal-environment (h-a-e) philosophy

“whole-of-person” and “whole-of-society” approach

Not new and reflective of indigenous world view of holism, transdisciplinarity and interconnectivity

Western discourse has seen the separation of h-a-e philosophy into individual pillars.
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“For a farmer animal welfare and human welfare are just so interlinked. The farmers welfare depends on their animal’s welfare. Farmers put looking after their animals’ lives over and above their own. We cannot differentiate between animal welfare and human welfare from a human point of view.” Eastern Bay of Plenty Flood
Responsiveness to community needs:

Any response should mitigate and manage the consequences of an incident on the affected individuals, families/whānau and communities, including animals.

Response personnel must ....... ensure the needs of affected people and animals are identified and met throughout the response and into recovery.

Officials’ Committee for Domestic and External Security Coordination (2019), CIMS 3rd Edition, pg 8
Consequences of decisions

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Litmus test of emergency response
Lessons

Shift from inclusion to integration

Include animal welfare as one of the key objectives of the response

Integrate animal lens in the IMT

Be the advocate for animals – they must be high up in response priorities. It makes everyone's job easier.
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