

# Join the Response

## National Animal Health Emergency Response Corps

Foreign animal disease outbreaks, Natural and man-made disasters, bring an urgent need for animal health medical professionals to address an event or emergency.

Animal health emergencies can be considered the "worst of times" and can easily overwhelm the resources of a state or local agency. That's when the National Animal Health Emergency Response Corps (NAHERC) is called to action.

At a state's request, NAHERC provides surge and sustainment personnel, and a system of partner resources working together with state and local personnel to provide animal health care and support to communities when every minute counts.

## Ordinary Heroes

NAHERC personnel are nationally organized private veterinarians, technicians and DVM students trained to conduct work on federally declared operation sites in accordance with the DHS/FEMA Incident Command System (ICS) and the National Response Plan (NRP). NAHERC is a national team which draws on an array of veterinary professionals in various fields that include: small animals, large animal, poultry, aquatic, exotic, epidemiologist and academia. In a animal emergency, disease outbreak, bioterrorism or natural disaster major disease outbreak NAHERC staff maybe required to perform many duties. These assignments may include conducting surveillance, examining herds or flocks for signs of disease, collecting specimens, Vaccinating animals, conducting post-mortem examinations, euthanizing animals, supervising the disposal of animal carcasses, collecting epidemiological information, inspecting livestock markets, trucks and vehicles, and other duties as assigned.

How are NAHERC personnel compensated?

NAHERC personnel are paid while serving as intermittent federal employees

Joining NAHERC is a two step process:

1. Apply on USAJOBS for the NAHERC VMO position
2. Send program coordinator a copy of your DVM transcripts

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