

Guide | Implementing transport accident CMGs

Transport accidents involving animal carriers, are localised incidents managed by NSW Police Force as agency controlling transport accident scenes, except where dangerous goods are involved.

Local Land Services and other Agriculture and Animal Services Functional Area (AASFA) supporting organisations provide support in emergencies involving animals including transport accidents.

For localised incidents, local emergency and rescue management arrangements apply according to local emergency management plans.

To enhance management of transport accidents involving animals, Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMCs) should publish Consequence Management Guides (CMGs) that outline arrangements for control and coordination, and management of animal ownership, animal welfare and recovery.

Developing a CMG

For consistency and ease of application a generic CMG is provided to AASFA LEMC representatives. The generic CMG is created to be adapted according to local requirements. The generic CMG includes:

- Prompts >><< where it is recommended specific information be included
- Overarching strategies that can be applied to manage the hazard
- Generic actions which detail tasks and responsibilities of agencies to effectively resolve an incident.

Using the generic CMG provided and working with Local Emergency Operations Controller (LEOCON) and other LEMC agencies, AASFA LEMC representatives, should adapt and develop a CMG for transport accidents involving animals that applies to the jurisdiction of an LEMC.

Planning considerations

A CMG is a template that is consistent across all hazards and all jurisdictions, and has limitations to capturing detail required to effectively resolve incidents. AASFA LEMC representatives, whilst developing CMGs, should make separate and appropriate planning considerations to manage broader implications not appropriate to document in a CMG. These include, but are not limited to, contact details, species specific planning and communication arrangements.

Contact details for AASFA representatives

Contact details, including after hours, for AASFA representatives should be compiled and made available to NSW Police Force, Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO) and other agencies involved in managing transport accidents involving animals within a LEMCs jurisdiction.

Species specific contact details

Contact details, including after hours, for species specific expertise should be compiled and made available such as:

- Livestock - sheep, cattle, goats, pigs etc. (not horses) - contacts for LLS and private vets
- Horses - contacts for Equine Veterinary Association private vet
- Poultry – chickens, turkeys, ducks etc. - contacts for LLS and private vets
- Zoo animals - contacts for specialist vets
- Aquatic animals – fish, crustaceans etc. - specialist vets.

Special considerations

Horses

Special consideration should be applied when making arrangements for horses. Horses should be considered companion animals, not livestock, meaning extra care and consideration should be applied during the context of traffic accidents. AASFA LEMC representatives working with LEOCON and LEMO are encouraged to make contact with Equine Veterinary Association and establish appropriate emergency management and veterinary arrangements for the jurisdiction of the LEMC.

Bees

Special arrangements for bees should be made given the hazardous nature of the species and potential human impact. Considerations should include ability to acquire personal protective equipment and clothing, epi pens, and establishing key industry contacts within and around the LEMC jurisdiction.

LivestockASSIST

LivestockASSIST is a 24hr national hotline dedicated to coordinating emergency responses for incidents involving heavy vehicles carrying livestock including vehicle recovery, medical assistance, driver repatriation, trauma counselling and message referral services.

The service links into an established network of local contacts with expertise and equipment needed to recover livestock, round up escaped animals that may be in shock and to make decisions about veterinary services.

The national number is: 1800 4 ALRTA (or 1800 4 25782).