Course Goal:
To encourage the development of compatible credentialing programs for Animal Emergency Responders (AERs) in all states to facilitate sharing of people resources in the event of a disaster.

Target Audience:
Personnel with mid-to-upper level management responsibility for the response to an animal disaster, including emergency managers, law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, search and rescue, veterinarians, Extension, public health, academia, animal control, non-government organizations, [e.g. State Animal Response Team, Red Cross, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and Salvation Army], tribal nations and military involved in disaster response, and federal, state, local, regional and elected officials.

Program Overview:
This course will prepare participants to utilize the AER resource typing and credentialing templates, position task books and the Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS) to manage an animal-related disaster response and recovery at the local, state and regional level.

Participants will be able to choose from four exercises at a course delivery: animal disease outbreak, earthquake, wild fire, and storms/flooding.

Time Allocation:
This course is designed to be presented over one and a half days. The first full day of the training course is delivered from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The second partial day includes a hands-on, practical exercise utilizing skills learned in day one and is delivered from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Alternative scheduling is possible to meet local needs.

Key Learning Points:
- Key components and benefits of a credentialing system
- An overview of the national credentialing standards for AERs
- How to conduct a gap analysis
- How to order needed people resources using common terminology
Course Delivery:

This course is available for delivery in your community. Contact CAFSP for course pricing. The community must provide a suitable facility for course delivery.

For more information or to schedule a course delivery in your local community, please contact:

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