Animal Disaster Response

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International Fund for Animal Welfare

UMASS BOSTON
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Founded in 1969

15 Country offices

Projects in over 40 countries

Mission

IFAW rescues animals, protects and preserves them around the world.

Vision

A world where animals are respected and protected.
Animal Rescue Divisions

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Marine Mammal Rescue & Research

Wildlife Rescue

Disaster Response
IFAW’s Animal Rescue Team
Marine Mammal Rescue & Research
About 60 necropsies are performed annually involving fishing gear.
Wildlife Rescue
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- U.S. Big Cats
- Grizzly Bear Cub Rehab - Canada
- Beijing Raptor Center
- Wildlife Trust of India
- Zambia Elephant Orphanage
- Orphaned Bear Rehab - Russia

International Fund for Animal Welfare
Emergency Rescues & Rehab Support

Wildlife Trade: Falcon Seizure & Release, Russia
Human-Wildlife Conflict: Elephant Moves, Ivory Coast & Malawi
Harsh Natural Conditions: Peafowl Vaccination & Flood Rescue, Pakistan
Wildlife Sanctuaries: Ngamba Chimp Sanctuary, Uganda
Disaster Response and Risk Reduction
IFAW's Disaster team responds to catastrophes worldwide.

Man-made Disasters: Cyprus

Financial Crisis – March 2013

Natural Disasters: Colorado Flooding – September 2013

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United States Disaster Response since 2011

**Man-made Disasters**
- Florida Cat Rescue
- Arkansas Puppy Mill
- Kentucky Puppy Mill
- Horse Seizure in Arkansas
- Dog Fighting in Texas and Missouri
- Ohio Dog Seizure
- Dog Fighting in Georgia, Alabama and Texas
- Horse Farm Cruelty Case, Minnesota
- Cat Hoarding in West Virginia

**Natural Disasters**
- Tropical Storm Lee in Pennsylvania and New York
- Hurricane Irene in Massachusetts
- Mississippi River Flooding in Missouri and Tennessee
- Flooding in Minot, North Dakota
- Ohio Flooding
- Colorado Flooding
- Hurricane Isaac in Louisiana and Mississippi
- Hurricane Sandy in PA, WV, DC, NY, and NJ
- Florida Flooding
- Snowstorm Nemo
- Oklahoma Tornados
Natural Disasters

Indonesia Flooding
Japan Earthquake and Tsunami
Australia Cyclone Yasi
Thailand Flooding
Philippines Typhoon Bopha
Germany Flooding
Philippines Earthquake
Indonesia Volcano Eruptions
Cyprus Financial Crisis
Pakistan Flooding
India Cyclone Phailin
Pakistan Drought
India Cyclone Lehar
Philippines Super Typhoon Haiyan
Australian Bushfires
Chile Wildfires
Category 5 Super Typhoon Storm surge created tsunami-like effect
Winds up 195 mph
Killed more than 6,000 people

Assessment & Response
First international NGO to assess Tacloban City
Provided food and medical care to more than 1,200 dogs, cats, and livestock

Collaboration & Coalition Building
Founding member of Animal Relief and Rehabilitation of the Philippines (ARRPh)
Mt. Sinabung on Sumatra Island; killed 16 humans and thousands of animals; 30,000 residents in shelters

Mt. Kelud erupted while onsite! Gravel, lava shot 10km in the air and landed 50km from crater; 80,000 residents in shelters
The ERNs were developed to expand IFAW’s capacity through relationships with key response partners. Members are equipped and trained to respond to animals impacted by disasters.

- consist of our staff, contractors, volunteers, and partner organizations
- formal agreements
- standardized best practices and training
United States Emergency Relief Network

- 13 United States ERN Members
- ASAR, Medical, Sheltering, Transport, Forensics, Planning, Management
India Emergency Relief Network

- 300+ individual members and organizations active in protecting wildlife and companion animals
- Regional training and response model
Southeast Asia Emergency Relief Network

Initial ERN development in the Philippines; high risk with large populations.

Secondary site will be in Indonesia mid-2014.
• Extremely high risk for catastrophic disasters such as volcanic eruptions, fires, earthquakes, floods, cyclones, man-made disasters

• Chile is first country we are working in
Formed in response to need identified after Hurricane Katrina – increase collaboration and reduce duplication of effort and resource allocation

13 current Members: IFAW, NACA, ASPCA, AHA, AVMA, AVMF, Best Friends Animal Society, NASAAEP, SAWA, RedRover, Petfinder Foundation, PetSmart Charities, and American Red Cross

Best Practice Working Groups: Animal Decontamination, Emergency Sheltering, Disaster Veterinary Care, Animal Search and Rescue, Transportation, Community Outreach, Training, Zoos, Large Animal Sheltering and Veterinary Care, Resource Planning and Management

IFAW was a Founding Member and Shannon Walajtys currently serves as Chair