



ZAHP newsletter

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News & Updates



USDA Proposes to Implement Contingency Planning Regulations for Handling of Animals During Emergencies

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to amend the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations to implement a requirement for

contingency plans for the handling of animals during emergencies. [Formal comments can be submitted here](#) through August 24, 2021. [You can read the stakeholder announcement here.](#)

Biosecurity in the news: **A Mystery Illness is Killing Mid-Atlantic Songbirds**

Federal and state wildlife officials in the Mid-Atlantic region are asking people to stop feeding birds and providing water in bird baths amid dozens of reports of mysterious songbird deaths. [Read more here.](#)

Zoo preparedness in the news: **The Unexpected Guest(s): How the Animals Reacted to the Zoo's Closure and Reopening**

The Animal Welfare Science Program at Lincoln Park Zoo sheds some light on how closures and reopenings due to COVID-19 affected their animals' behavior. [Read more here.](#)

Webinars & Events

VIRTUAL PREPAREDNESS TOWN HALL SERIES



Southeast Quadrant: Wednesday, July 14th 4:00 - 5:30 PM ET

Southwest Quadrant: Tuesday, July 27th 5:30 - 7:00 PM ET

Northeast Quadrant: Wednesday, August 4th Time TBA

Northwest Quadrant: Wednesday, August 11th Time TBA

ZAHP Virtual Preparedness Town Hall Series

In order to promote greater collaboration and communication for preparedness and response within the exotic animal industry, the Zoo and Aquarium All Hazards Partnership (ZAHP) has set up a series of Virtual Preparedness Town Halls focusing on different geographical quadrants across the United States.

We will kick off the series with the Southeast Quadrant on July 14 from 4:00 - 5:30 PM ET. The agenda will include remarks from Dr. Anna Allen, Southeast Veterinary Specialist with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDACS)'s Emergency Programs Division. After initial presentations, participants will be split into groups to participate in breakout discussions before coming together for share-outs and Q & A.

You can register for the Southeast Quadrant Town Hall and upcoming Southwest Quadrant Town Hall on July 27 below. More details on the remaining town halls are forthcoming and will be shared in future newsletters. If you have any questions, contact hrandall@aza.org.

[Register for the Southeast Quadrant Town Hall on July 14th here!](#)

[Register for the Southwest Quadrant Town Hall on July 27th here!](#)

Security & Resilience for Zoos and Aquariums July 23 at 3:00 - 4:30 PM ET

The Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has a number of free programs available to help zoos and aquariums become more prepared for and resilient to all-hazards. Join ZAHP for this webinar with CISA Protective Security Advisor, Jeff Murray, to learn how your facility can use these offerings to assess risks, identify gaps in security and resilience measures, build response relationships, and track progress towards improving security and preparedness.

While the primary focus of this session will be physical security, the convergence with cybersecurity concerns will also be addressed. This session will include a Q&A, and participants will be able to submit preliminary questions via their registration form.

[Register Here!](#)

