

**Recommended Actions for  
Accredited Veterinarians  
in Response to Orange and Red Threat Warning System  
Against a General Terrorism Agent**

**High Condition (Orange) High Risk of Terrorist Attack**

**Communication**

- Notify producers to increase biosecurity;
- Contact State or Federal animal health officials for updates on situations, information, or actions needed;
- Provide brochures at clinics, and provide display posters;
- Distribute informational brochures to producers and livestock concentration points; and
- Discuss the situation with employees, and report suspicious packages or telephone calls.

**Physical Security**

- Ensure that your clinic and gates are locked when possible;
- Consider hiring additional security for your veterinary facility if needed; and
- Lock veterinary vehicles and park them where they can be observed.

**Biosecurity**

- Avoid livestock and poultry for at least 10 days after you leave foreign soil;
- Refrain from wearing items that cannot be successfully disinfected, such as jewelry and watches;
- Disinfect boots between farm calls;
- Provide foot baths at your clinic;
- When possible, disinfect equipment and stalls after use, especially if used for sick animals; and
- Before leaving a foreign country, launder or dry-clean all clothing and outerwear. Remove all dirt and soil from shoes by thoroughly cleaning them prior to wiping with a cloth dampened with a bleach solution. Use a cloth dampened with a bleach solution to wipe luggage and personal items (including watches, cameras, laptops, CD players, and cell phones) if they are soiled.

## **Monitor**

- Report any signs of disease that might be a foreign animal disease (FAD) immediately to State or Federal Animal Health Officials
- Report any disease that might be unusual for the geographic area, time of year, or species of animal;
- Monitor your clinic's chemical and drug storage areas for tampering or unauthorized entrance;
- Watch for unusual packages or containers, especially those found in unlikely or sensitive areas such as air intake systems;
- Verify the source of all incoming animals, feed, supplements, equipment and individuals prior to moving them into the animal area; and
- Scrutinize deviations from "normal operations."

## **Prepare**

- Conduct a clinic vulnerability assessment....critically evaluate your operation, determine possible areas of vulnerability, and correct them;
- Review clinical signs of FAD's and discuss with all employees and clients;
- Review reporting systems and phone numbers in case of a possible FAD or other emergency – these numbers include those of your State Veterinarian, Federal Area Veterinarian in Charge, local law enforcement, and State and Federal 1-800 hotlines.
- Post these phone numbers in your clinic and practice vehicle; and
- Have extra feed and water available (up to a week) for hospitalized animals in the event movement of animals is stopped.

**Severe Condition (Red) High Risk of Terrorist Attack.**  
**Engage in the above activities and, in addition, the following are recommended.**

## **Communication**

Frequently check with State or Federal animal health authorities for information on possible specific threats and mitigation recommendations.

## **Physical Security**

- Consider security patrols for your property if indicated; and
- Post signs at the entrances to your clinic indicating that the operation is under increased surveillance.

## **Biosecurity**

- Increase vigilance and report any unusual activities;
- Monitor animals on calls more closely for signs of FAD's;
- Disinfect boots, vehicle tires, and equipment as much as possible between farms;
- Identify possible biosecurity problems to producers; and
- Encourage producers to minimize the local and interstate movement of animals and conveyances until the threat passes or a condition reduction is announced.

## **Monitor**

- Ask producers to call when an animal dies for unknown reasons;
- Monitor the animals in your clinic more frequently; and
- Monitor feed, drugs, and chemicals more frequently.

## **Prepare**

- Prepare contingency plans in case of attack, quarantines, or stop movement requirements, and review these plans with employees and family; and
- Review reporting systems and phone numbers in case of a possible FAD or other emergency – these numbers include those of your State Veterinarian, Federal Area Veterinarian in Charge, local law enforcement, and State and Federal 1-800 hotlines.