Disaster Animal Preparedness (2 students)

The DVM students are pursuing professional post baccalaureate degrees. They are graduate students but their core curriculum is not focused on research or the Masters in Extension program. Nevertheless, this summer internship is valuable for a DVM student in two distinct ways. Much of their education is focused on the client or owner-animal patient relationship. The Extension summer internship would expose them to both community animal issues and regulatory animal disease issues. It would also provide an opportunity to work with veterinarians outside of the private practice realm (state veterinarian, federal and state vets, MPH vets) and other community professionals such as County Extension agents, public health, brand inspectors, and Emergency managers with whom they will partner in their professional lives.

Applicants must be in first or second year of the DVM curriculum.

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* The Office of the State Veterinarian (Drs Maggie Baldwin, Lompkin and Newens) as well as Drs Don Beckett and Kevin Dennison of APHIS are delighted to work with these students. The interns will assist in data collection and analysis of disease surveillance and diagnostics of importance to CDA and APHIS. Findings will be included in the student’s poster presentation at the annual Extension Forum.
* Opportunities to participate in tabletop exercises on infectious disease outbreaks with regulatory DVMS in Colorado and surrounding states.
* Summer of 2022 presents opportunities to visit smalls-scale farms and ranches, those belonging to traditionally under-represented and served to help them with biosecurity and emergency response planning.
* New extension agents in multiple counties are interested in developing disaster animal plans in cooperation with their emergency managers.
* Intern will become a certified member of the Co Veterinary Medical Reserve Corps and respond to state incidents as needed.
* Opportunities to work on recovery projects associated with past disasters will be available.
* Opportunities to work in animal response will vary depending on what incidents occur during the 10 week internship.

Both interns will be funded by a grant from National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP) 2020 Funding Opportunity under Section 12101 of the 2018 Farm Bill. A 10 week stipend and travel budget is included.