

North American Rabies Management Plan



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U.S. National Plan for Wildlife Rabies Management 2008-2012

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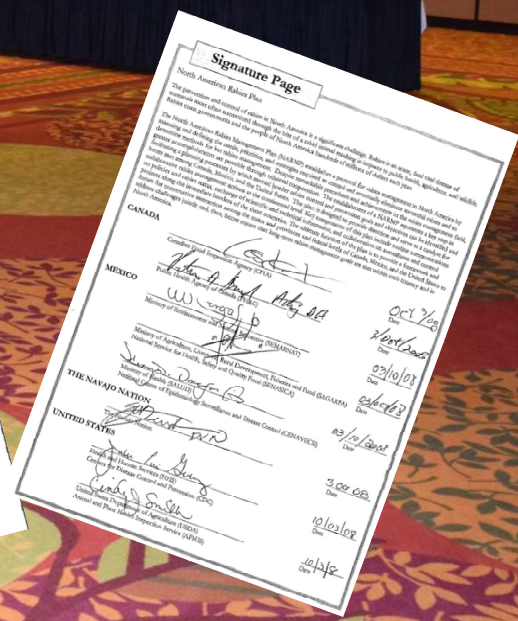
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Also North American Rabies Management Plan



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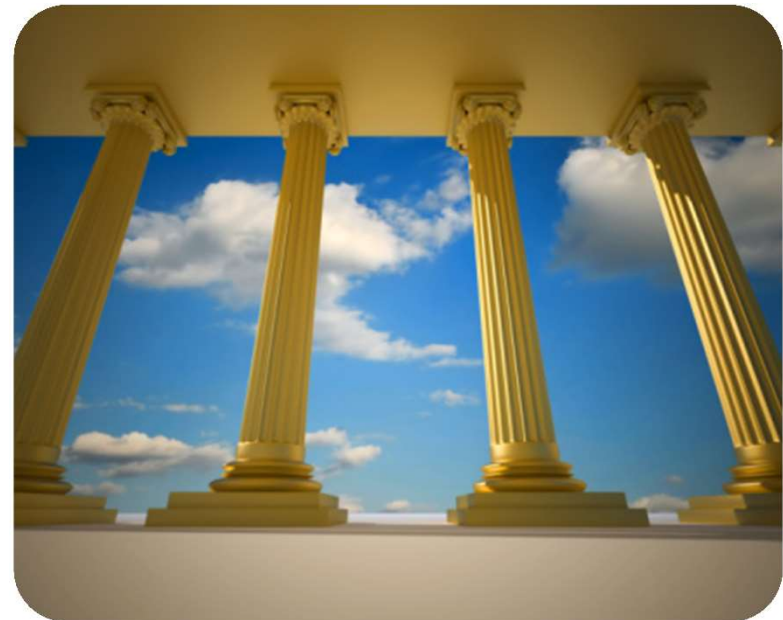
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NARMP Administration

Part III: North American Rabies Management Plan Administration

International Administration

North American Rabies Management Planning Team

Internationally, the Plan is broadly administered by the North American Rabies Management Planning Team (Team) consisting of up to 20 members, up to 5 from each nation, selected from agencies responsible for rabies management in Canada, the US, Navajo and Mexico. Membership is voluntary and may include governmental (federal, state/provincial, and local) or non-governmental representatives appointed by each country to carry out the following duties.

- Serve as a forum for international communication to discuss major, long-term international rabies-related issues.
- Identify appropriate methods for managing rabies across borders.
- Review and monitor progress toward achieving the Plan's goals and objectives.
- Provide recommendations to policy makers regarding program and budget needs for accomplishing goals and objectives.
- Help formalize strategies for executing planned or recommended actions.
- Establish and encourage linkages with other international rabies management initiatives.
- Conduct an assessment of the Plan approximately every 5 years and update if needed in response to new or changing circumstances, policy development, opportunities, or scientific information.

Team Chair

The role of the Chair will rotate among member countries every two years. The Chair will be selected by consensus from and by the Team. With the support of the Team, the Chair will integrate the working agenda, call and convene meetings, promote all members attendance and effective participation, and communicate results to the Team.

Team Secretary

The Secretary will be responsible for organizing meetings, sending invitations to meetings, taking minutes at meetings, and working with the Chair to communicate meeting minutes

to the rest of the Team. The Secretary will be selected by the Chair and will rotate every two years with the Chair.

Team Members

Members are expected to participate fully in the discussions and preparation of recommendations at all Team meetings. Members are strongly encouraged to attend all meetings; however, if members are unable to attend a scheduled meeting, they may send an alternate representative of equivalent authority in their place. Duration of membership is up to each country.

In addition, the Plan will provide a concerted approach to rabies management and, therefore, will strive to optimize efficient use of existing cooperative initiatives, treaties, instruments, and mechanisms. The Plan and Team will promote alliances and cooperation and seek to elevate public awareness of rabies-related issues by establishing, maintaining and/or expanding partnerships with international organizations such as (but not limited to) the World Health Organization (WHO), Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), and the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC).

North American Rabies Management Planning Meeting

The Team will meet at least once per year in person. Meetings will be scheduled in conjunction with the Rabies in the Americas (RITA) Conference or the USDA/APHIS/WS National Rabies Management Team (Cooperator's) Meeting to reduce travel costs and maximize participation of all Team members.

Languages

The official languages of the Team are English and Spanish. Interpretation and translation will be provided during formal meetings.

National Administration

Nationally, the Plan operates within each country's laws and regulations, consistent with international treaties and agreements. Government wildlife, agriculture, and health officials have the authority and responsibility to ensure Plan actions are in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies. In each country, the Plan is referenced in the respective National Rabies Management Plans, and is broadly administered by the lead federal agencies responsible for rabies management:

- Canada: Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and Public Health Agency of Canada
- US: US Department of Health and Human Services/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and US Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)/Wildlife Services (WS)
- Navajo Nation: Navajo Veterinary Program/Department of Agriculture

Department of Agriculture (SAGARPA/SEMARNAT); Federal Department of Health (SALUD/GEMAVECE); and Federal Department of Wildlife and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT)

will be implemented at the national level in coordination and cooperation with entities who engage tangentially in rabies management and research. Those entities may include: national distribution and rabies research. Those entities may include: national forests and parks; national wildlife refuges; Tribal departments of defense; and other federal land managers.

State and Local Administration

State and provincial laws and regulations, consistent with government wildlife, agriculture, and health officials, to ensure Plan actions are in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies. In each state, province or locality, the Plan may be implemented by the following entities responsible for rabies management:

Wildlife) Departments

state/provincial and local level in coordination and cooperation with entities who engage tangentially in rabies management and research. Those entities may include: municipal governments; police; waste management agencies; fire departments; health institutes; community clubs; neighborhood watch groups; wildlife rehabilitators; local and members of the general

International Administration of Plan

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NARMP Team Responsibilities

- Serve as forum for int'l communication of rabies-related issues
- Identify appropriate methods for managing rabies across borders
- Review and monitor progress toward achieving the Plan's goals
- Provide recommendations to policy makers regarding program and budget needs for accomplishing goals and objectives
- Help formalize strategies for executing planned actions
- Establish linkages with other int'l rabies management initiatives
- Conduct an assessment of the Plan every 5 years (update if needed)



NARMP Planning Meeting

Meeting

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- Elevated Rabies visibility within agencies and countries
- Ensured rabies dialog at 1 to 2 formal face to face meetings/year
- Maintained focus on the pillars of NARMP-- surveillance, control, research and outreach
- Forced prioritization for mutually beneficial efforts
- Facilitated cross border coordination of rabies surveillance, control and research
- Served as a model for others areas of the world with mutual borders

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Expanding the Partnership

