

Partners in Response & Recovery: The ZDR3 Network



Mission Statement

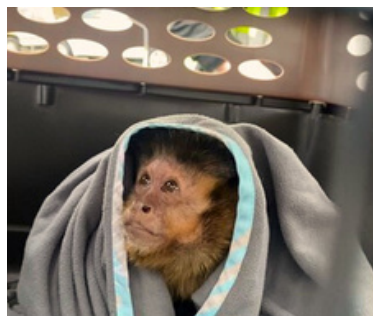
Zoological Disaster Response, Rescue, Recovery (ZDR3) manages and coordinates an emergency response network that fills a unique need in the exotic animal industry by facilitating the provision of experienced personnel and unique resources to exotic animal facilities (eg, zoos, aquariums, sanctuaries) in times of natural disasters or catastrophic events.

What It Means to Be Part of ZDR3

ZDR3 gives facilities confidence that a nationwide network of animal care professionals and responders stands ready to support them. When we work together, people and animals are safer, recovery is faster, and compassion carries us through. ZDR3 connects your organization to a trusted, field-tested community that supports preparedness, response, and recovery. This is a partnership built on shared responsibility and mutual support. The ZDR3 network has managed many response types, including facility evacuations resulting from floods and fires, temporary animal placement, and the clearing of trees and debris from hurricanes and ice storms.

Through the ZDR3 Network, you gain:

- Free participation with no obligation to deploy, and no cost to receive support
- A valuable complement to your facility's existing contingency planning and emergency management framework
- Dedicated emergency support resources
- Preparedness guidance grounded in real experience
- Post-incident recovery support resources
- Experienced zoo professionals respond to assist in crisis at no cost or obligation to you
- National coordination and credibility
- Mutual-aid coordination
- Human safety and animal welfare-centered response
- 24/7 consultation and readiness
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) process for quick access to support and expertise
- Visible commitment to staff well-being & animal welfare



Get In Touch

Built on professionalism, compassion, and shared purpose, we stand beside each other when the unexpected happens.



Unique Resources Available Within the Network Include:

- 1,000+ transport crates and trailers
- 100+ facilities able to hold displaced animals
- 175+ experienced zoological disaster responders

Interested in joining the ZDR3 Network? Let us know at ZDR3.org/Contact

We Are Stronger Together!