

# Contingency Planning for Animals

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## Definition of *contingency*

- a. an event (such as an emergency) that **may but is not certain to occur**
- b: **something liable to happen** as an adjunct to or result of something else

Weather events (fires, extreme temperature changes, floods, hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, high winds, drought, ice...)

Pandemics

Social unrest

All of the above  Supply chain breakdowns



# Who needs a plan?

- Pets and privately owned animals
- Animal Welfare Act licensees
- Farm animals
  - On the farm
  - In the slaughterhouse
- A word about prevention



## Local, state, and federal policy needs for pets

- Mobilize resources/training/equipment
- Cohabited and co-located sheltering
- Flexible policy for veterinarians to deploy
- Streamline interstate transport regs during disasters
- Promote animal ID for reunification



# PREPARED ACT

Amends the Animal Welfare Act to require that “covered persons” (research facilities, dealers, exhibitors, handlers, carriers, etc) develop and implement an emergency contingency plans in the event of a disaster.



# Farm Animals





Nearly 3.5 million farm animals  
perished in one hurricane



# Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Reimburses producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather – no requirement for precautions or preventative action.

“Contract growers are not eligible for losses under LIP for injured livestock that were sold at a reduced price due to an eligible loss condition.”

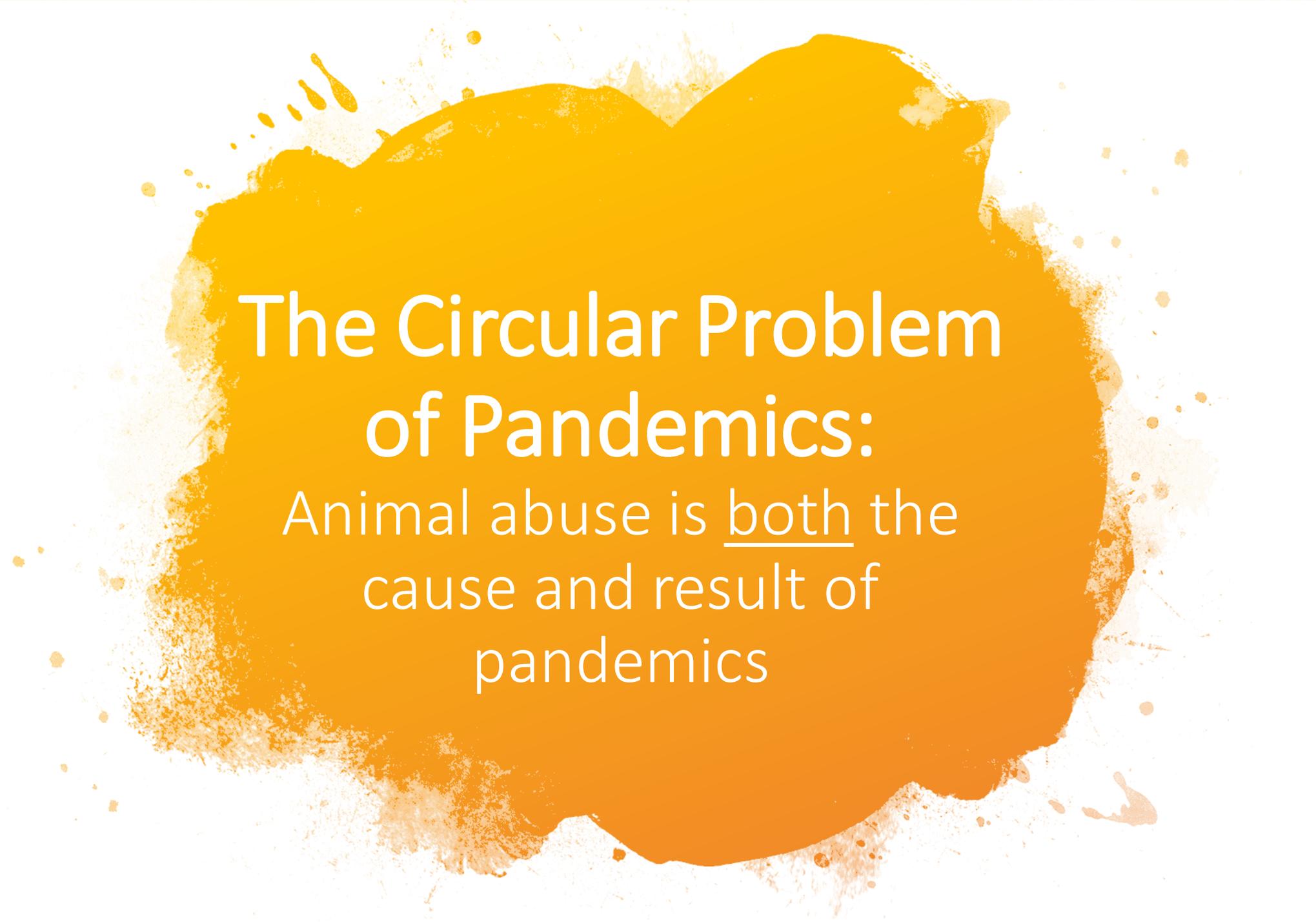


The “lucky” ones

JO-ANNE MCARTHUR  
WE ANIMALS

# Residual Impacts: Power Outages





# The Circular Problem of Pandemics:

Animal abuse is both the  
cause and result of  
pandemics

# Animal abuse creates viruses

- Bovine tuberculosis
- Q Fever
- Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)
- H5N1 (Bird flu)
- Nipah Virus
- SARS
- H7N7 (Bird flu)
- H1N1 (Swine flu)
- Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)

The result?



**Mass cullings of infected animals**



Once a virus causes a  
pandemic, the food  
chain is disrupted.



## Supply chain breaks



- Schools close
- Restaurants close
- Institutional needs shift
- Local networks absorb markets





## Industrial farms are vulnerable

- Cannot house beyond short time frame
- Healthy animals cannot be slaughtered
- Bottom line: cost/benefit analysis
- Millions of healthy animals are killed on farms

# “depopulation” methods



COVID relief funds go to producers using these gruesome methods of killing.



# Extreme speed slaughter





## We need a new vision for farming

- Certification and reduction strategies
- Farm System Reform Act



# Prevention as a tactic

- Case in point: wild horses & burros need a plan
- Anticipate shifting needs and dangers
- Stretch into pragmatism
- Embrace proactive options



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