

Before the Vet Arrives: Building the Emergency Vet Box

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Statement of Need

Livestock producers and equine owners face unpredictable health emergencies where immediate veterinary assistance may not be available. There is a documented need for producers to improve on-farm preparedness, basic first-response knowledge, and effective communication with veterinarians during emergency situations. Our objectives were build confidence in producers wanting to build or improve on their emergency vet boxes and develop meaningful veterinary-client-patient-relationships.

Inputs



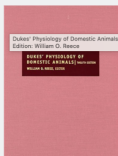
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Research-Based Information

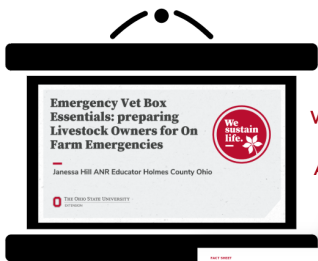


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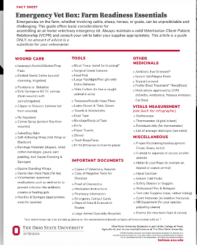
AVMA American Veterinary Medical Association

Outputs



Emergency Vet Box Workshops offered with Beef/Youth Quality Assurance Certification

Take Home Kits for Participants



Factsheet

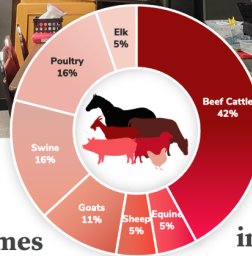


Webinar



185 Recording Views

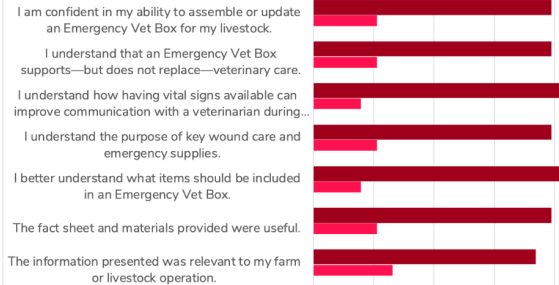
169 Event Participants



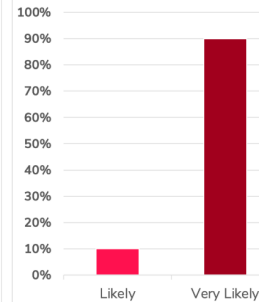
Workshop Outcomes

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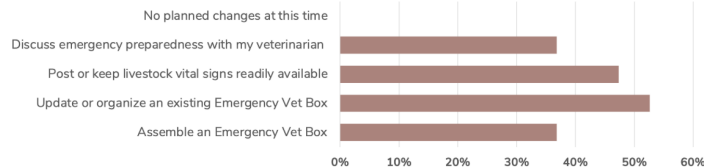
Please indicate your agreement with the following statements:



How likely is it that this program will help you respond more effectively to a livestock emergency?



As a result of this program, do you plan to take any of the following actions?



Impact

OSU Extension's Livestock and Equine Emergency Vet Box program increased participant knowledge, confidence, and intent to adopt emergency preparedness practices. Evaluation results indicate that participants are more prepared to respond effectively to livestock health emergencies through improved organization of emergency supplies, access to vital animal information, and enhanced communication with veterinary professionals.

Moving Forward

- Continue to add items to the vet box list based on producer and veterinarian feedback
- Add segment related to calving emergencies based on comments from workshops
- Improve on sample kits distributed to participants during events

Learn More

Visit <https://u.osu.edu/vetbox> to find the fact sheet, starter kit contents, webinar recording and more!



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