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Promote Safer Rescue, Improve Welfare and Protect Livelihoods



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## **Medics in the community**



- Charity supported, volunteer medics (doctors, paramedics, nurses)
- Immediate care on scene, saving lives and improving outcomes
  Local networks meeting local needs, with national reach

### The challenges of veterinary response



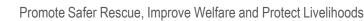




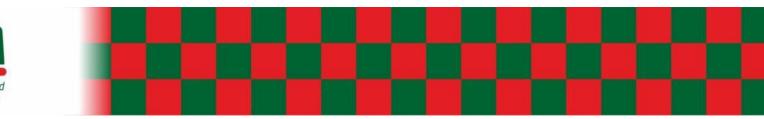


- Promoting safer rescues, improving welfare, protecting livelihoods
- Setting standards, coordinating and delivering training









- BARTA is a stakeholder association
- Provides the framework for integration of all responders
- BARTA works in local communities with emergency responders
  - builds relationships through joint training
  - trains vets to be effective responders
  - complex, multi-agency environments
- BARTA brings what the veterinary associations can't do on their own









### Stakeholder partnerships are the vital first step











### **NFCC** National Fire Chiefs Council



### **BARTA code of practice**

Sets out what is expected of veterinary responders:

- Role of the veterinary responder
- Responsibilities of the BARTA approved veterinarian
  - to other agencies
  - to themselves
  - to the public
  - to the animal
  - to BARTA





## **Responsibilities of a BARTA vet**

- To other agencies
  - develop and maintain relationships with local FRS
  - understand Incident Command, dynamic risk assessment, tactical planning
- To themselves
  - wear protective equipment, work safely
- To the public
  - deliver a professional, coordinated response
- To the animal
  - maintain skills to deliver optimum casualty care



- To BARTA
  - team working, competence, keeping up to date, promote ethos of BARTA

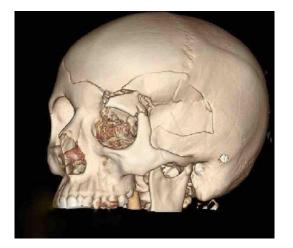


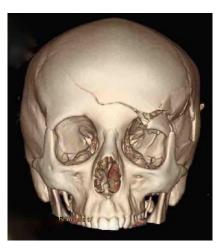
### **Culture change: risk and safety**

Work related Injuries in Equine Practitioners

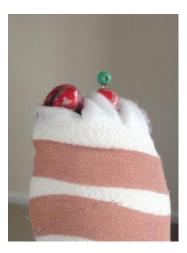
**Final Report for BEVA** 

- Equine veterinarians more likely to be injured than any other occupation
- Change: thinking about risk, taking steps to mitigate
- 80% of 620 UK practitioners had been injured at work
- 16% had suffered head injuries, 11% foot injuries, 8% concussion











### **Protection and professionalism**







### **BARTA veterinary training**







BARTA Rescue First Responder courses. Essential skills for the modern veterinarian. Find out more info@bartacic.org

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### Local vets meeting local needs



# **BARTA veterinary training**

- Put together by vets and FRS
- Skills gaps & training needs analysis
- Meets needs of stakeholders
- Cross agency input
- Tiered approach
  - Level 1 (Awareness)
  - Level 2 (First Responder)
  - Level 3 (Advanced Responder)





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### Level 1

### Level 2

### Level 3



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#### VLAR Level 1 - Awareness

#### Revised course due for release January 2018

The BARTA VLAR 1 – Awareness accredited course is aimed at both undergraduates and veterinary professionals wanting to gain an insight into trauma care whilst operating within a multi-agency emergency response environment to an animal related incident.

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#### VLAR Level 2 - First Responder

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A popular, internationally available, blended learning programme with nine hours of assessed pre-course eLearning and supported by a seven hour workshop. This interactive day will be spent working through case based scenarios and is facilitated by a BARTA Vet and a Fire and Rescue Service Animal Rescue Specialist (AR3).

**Practitioners** 

(> 6 months experience)

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#### VLAR Level 3 - Advanced Veterinary Responder

#### Training programme due for release 2018

The BARTA VLAR 3 – Advanced Veterinary Responder accredited course is aimed at the experienced vet.

Having already progressed through our VLAR level 2 training the next stage is designed to support and enhance your veterinary, command and rescue skills in this ever changing world, where we need to be ready to deal with a wide range of scenarios and evermore challenging environments.

### Experienced practitioners (Level 2 trained)

### Veterinary students





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### Delivered through regional training centers with our stakeholders: Vets in the community

# Level 2: First responder

- New approach to CE
- Blended learning
- e-learning
- End of module assessments
- Tutor interaction and feedback
- F2F scenario training day
- Role play to bring it alive



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- "The best CE I have ever done" BEVA course delegate September 2017



# e-learning

- Roles and responsibilities
- Rescue techniques
- Safety, dynamic risk assessment
- Incident Command
- Triage
- Chemical restraint
- Casualty care
- Euthanasia







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### VLAR Level One - Awareness Course Chemical Control

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# Scenario training day













# What's different about BARTA training?

- Equips vets to work in complex, multi-agency environments
- Understand their role and the expectations of them when on scene
- How the emergency services work, especially Incident Command
- Knowledge of rescue techniques & 'peacetime' applications
- Confidence to push the chemical restraint envelope
- On completion vets join the BARTA rescue community
- Share experiences and keep up to date via BARTA





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