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## Information on the Canadian Veterinary Reserve's response to Tuesday's earthquake in Haiti

### For the Information of Veterinarians across Canada

#### From the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)

On behalf of the CVMA, I am writing to inform you of actions taken by the Canadian Veterinary Reserve in regard to Tuesday's massive earthquake in Haiti. The Canadian Veterinary Reserve (CVR) was activated to *Stand-By Alert* status yesterday morning to be ready to deploy to assist in Haiti if required. The CVR has not yet been requested to deploy but is making initial preparations to be ready to do so if requested by the government of Canada.

The CVR consists of a roster of 400 mainly private practice, volunteer veterinarians from across Canada. The CVR works in partnership with governments to provide medical expertise for animals in large-scale disasters and emergencies. CVR Reservists can provide a broad range of disaster veterinary medical services including emergency care and assessment for food and companion animals on a mass casualty basis.

The CVR, established in 2006, is a program of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association that is financially supported by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. For further information about the Canadian Veterinary Reserve please contact:

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