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Sample List: Supplies and Equipment for a Large-Scale Hoarding Case

Personal Protective Equipment

- ✓ Gloves
- ✓ Masks
- ✓ Hair covers
- ✓ Tyvek suits
- ✓ Booties
- ✓ Respirators/gas masks
- ✓ Other PPE
- ✓ First-aid kit for humans
- ✓ Rubber boots

Animal Transport and Handling Equipment

- ✓ Catch-poles
- ✓ Feral cat cages
- ✓ Transport cages
- ✓ Nets
- ✓ Leashes
- ✓ Bait / Food
- ✓ Protective gloves/Leather cat gloves
- ✓ Blankets
- ✓ Gurneys
- ✓ Muzzles
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Collars or I.D. tags

Documentation Equipment

- ✓ Camera with extra memory cards/chargers
- ✓ Video camera
- ✓ Medical report forms
- ✓ Evidence forms

- ✓ Blank papers
- ✓ Evidence stickers (bright orange)
- ✓ Flashlights
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Clipboards
- ✓ Pens/Permanent markers
- ✓ Measuring tape
- ✓ Duct tape and masking tape for labeling
- ✓ Body bags or large plastic bags
- ✓ Scale
- ✓ Collection containers for evidence
- ✓ 3x5 cards

Medical supplies for on-site triage

- ✓ Syringes of various sizes
- ✓ Needles of various sizes
- ✓ Syringe poles
- ✓ IV lines
- ✓ Bandages, gauze, cotton balls
- ✓ Blood collection/culture collection supplies
- ✓ Analgesia
- ✓ Tranquilization drugs
- ✓ Sterile water
- ✓ Empty sterile bottles for mixing drugs
- ✓ Eye lubricants
- ✓ Scale and batteries
- ✓ Clippers
- ✓ Alcohol
- ✓ Euthanasia solution
- ✓ Fluids
- ✓ Microchip scanner and batteries
- ✓ Stethoscope
- ✓ Thermometers
- ✓ Other first aid equipment

Stakeholder/Agency Roles in Large Hoarding Cases

Law Enforcement

- Field initial complaint
- Serve as backup unit for field response
- Secure site
- Ensure safety of humans involved in field response
- Execute the search warrant
- Place person on a psychiatric hold as warranted

- Issue citations
- Make arrests as warranted

Code Enforcement

- Field initial complaint
- Assess structural integrity of building
- Address issues of neglected property that impinge upon neighbors including trash accumulation, external physical hazards, and abandoned vehicles
- Declare property uninhabitable or condemn property
- Issue orders requiring repairs

Public Health

- Prohibit occupancy if conditions are unfit for human habitation for safety or sanitary reasons
- Assess human health hazards from zoonotic diseases
- Refer to appropriate treatment providers and facilitate treatment plans
- Link with other agencies including CPS, APS as appropriate

Fire Department

- Inspect property for risk of fire and order property owner to fix any issues
- Assist with removing humans safely from home

Child Protective Services

- Assess safety and welfare of children in the home
- Offer recommendations and referrals, remove children and file petitions to protect them in juvenile (civil) court in extreme cases

Adult Protective Services

- Assist with services when the adult shows signs of incapacity (cognitive or physical)

Department of Fish & Game

- Assist if air or water pollution is suspected
- Assist if wildlife involved

Department of Agriculture

- Assist with cases of poultry or livestock

Legal Departments (District Attorney (DA), State Attorney (SA), Prosecuting Attorney, etc.)

- Review the search warrant for completeness
- Discuss procedures for collecting evidence prior to entering home
- Prosecute the case

National Animal Protection Groups and Other Organizations

- For large-scale cases, national groups may assist local agencies:
 - The HSUS
 - ASPCA

- Animal Legal Defense Fund
 - American Humane
 - American Veterinary Medical Association Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMAT)
- Veterinary schools and veterinary technician programs may assist by providing volunteer veterinary students who can triage animals and provide basic care