Classes of Animals
The State of Wisconsin recognizes four classes of animals:

1. **Livestock** - Includes farm animals such as cattle, sheep, hogs, and poultry.
2. **Exhibition/Large Animals** - Animals intended for show or recreational purposes; not consumption, and not a household pet.
3. **Household Pets** - Domesticated pets including dogs, cats, birds, turtles, rabbits, etc. (can travel in commercial carriers).
4. **Service Animals** - Guide dogs or other animals trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability.

State Activities by Emergency Classification Level (ECL):
These are the activities that are specific to animal planning and evacuation.

**Alert**
- As part of the messaging, animal owners are advised of the situation and of the shelter or evacuation decision.
- At this point some owners relocate their exhibition animals (i.e., put the horses into trailers and leave the area).

**Site Area Emergency (SAE)**
- People are advised to prepare for an evacuation (including preparing to evacuate their household pets or service animal).
- Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will issue a Livestock Advisory, for livestock owners to shelter their animals and place them on stored feed and water.

**General Emergency (GE)**
- An evacuation order is given for people in the affected area. Animal advisories are issued well before this, so people at this point can prioritize themselves.
- People are encouraged to bring their household pets and service animals to the Reception Centers for monitoring and if necessary decontamination.
- Evacuees should bring identification, health and immunization records, prescription medications, travel cages and handling equipment for their household pets and service animals to the Reception Centers.
Considerations for Evacuation of Animals

- Pre-identify a place to bring your exhibition/large animals and transportation needs.
- Obtain copies of your records (ownership, vaccination, etc.) that are ready to take with you in case you have to evacuate, or leave and shelter your animals.