

# MASSEY UNIVERSITY VETERINARY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

AEIMNZ CONFERENCE 2023



# WHO ARE WE?

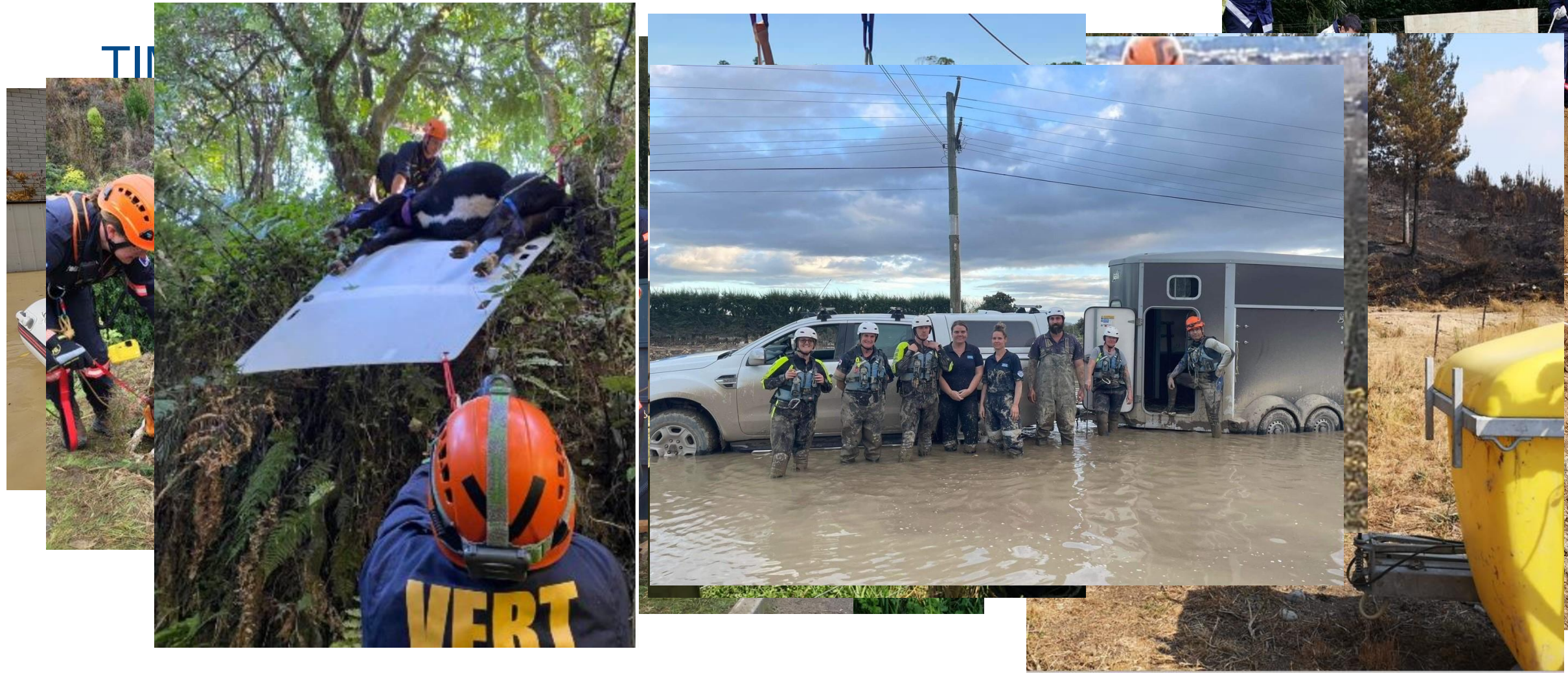
- MU VERT team is a voluntary organisation that was founded in 2010
- VERT team members have a variety of rescue skills and experiences
- Rescue 3 International certified
- Rope responder, Swiftwater, CIMS4, USAR, Rural fire qualifications
- National animal welfare response delegated by MPI



## WHAT WE DO

- Civil defence disaster deployment involving animals
- Veterinary triage and field emergency treatment
- Technical large animal emergency rescue
- High angle rope rescue
- Swift water and flood water rescue
- Sheltering support
- Support urban search and rescue
- Veterinary awareness and education
- Public education, research and outreach





# CYCLONE GABRIELLE





# HOW WE FUNCTION

- Voluntary basis
- Team members all university staff
- Deployment protocols
- SoVS
  
- Operational and support membership



# RESPONDER WELLBEING



# OUTREACH

- Veterinary undergraduate curriculum
- Continued professional development
- TLAR courses for equine groups
  - Research & conferences



# BVSC5 SPECIAL TOPICS – ANIMAL WELFARE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## Day One

Animals in disasters

CIMS

Veterinary emergency roles in disasters

SA behaviour in emergencies

## Day Two

Animal sheltering

Decontamination and risk

LA triage in emergencies

CIMS scenario

## Day Three

Oiled wildlife response

Mental wellbeing

TLAR

TLAR equipment and skills

## Day Four

AWEM framework

LA handling and behaviour in emergencies

TLAR scenario – float extrication

## Day Five

Preparedness in the workplace

Application of skills



# NZ TLAR CONSIDERATIONS

- Unique topography
- Mud is prevalent
  - Ditches
  - Drains
  - Ponds
  - Streams
- RTAs
- Cliff rescues
- Flooding events
- Isolated communities



# VETERINARIANS IN DISASTERS





# THE FUTURE. WHAT NEXT?

# THANK YOU

