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There should be an institutional policy to care for animals by qualified personnel every day, including weekends and holidays, to safeguard their well-being including emergency veterinary care. In the event of an emergency, institutional security personnel and fire or police officials should be able to reach responsible persons for the animals.

That can be enhanced by prominently posting emergency procedures, names, or telephone numbers in animal facilities or by placing them in the security department or telephone center. A disaster plan that takes into account both personnel and animals should be prepared as part of the overall safety plan for the animal facility.