Possible Signs of a Bioterrorism Agent Release

- Clusters of unusual illnesses or cases
- Unusual forms of disease presentation
- High infection rate within the population (human or animal)
- Disease in unusual or localized areas
- Disease at an unusual time of year
- Large numbers of ill or dead animals

Things You Can Do Prior to a Bioterrorism Event

- Create an emergency plan for your family
- Have a predetermined meeting place for your family and animals

Prevention of Disease in Pets

- Have your pet examined by a veterinarian annually
- Keep pets current on vaccinations
- Use flea and tick prevention recommended by your veterinarian
- Keep pets away from wild animals
- Keep dogs in fenced yards
- Keep cats indoors
- Wear rubber or latex gloves when cleaning up blood, vomit, or feces of pets
- If animals become ill
  - Separate ill animals from those that are healthy
  - Limit contact with the ill animals
  - Have only one person attend to the needs of the ill animal (food, water, medication)

In the Event of a Bioterrorist Attack

- Stay calm!
- Stay informed!
- Listen to the radio or tune into a news-based television station
- Avoid using the phone unless it is an emergency
- To avoid the further spread of infectious agents, stay in your home unless advised otherwise by the proper authorities
- Follow the advice of local emergency and public health officials
- Have important phone numbers in an easily accessible location
  - Your family doctor or medical clinic
  - Your family veterinarian or veterinary clinic
  - Your Local and State public health department
  - Your State Veterinarian
  - Your Local and State law enforcement agency
  - Your Local hospital