

# Massey University Veterinary Emergency Response Team (VERT) and Associate Professor Steven De Grey

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The Massey University Veterinary Emergency Response Team is a small, volunteer, specialist team trained in technical animal rescue and able to respond to animal emergencies, providing in-field veterinary triage, treatment and extraction, as well as disaster assessment. Based at Massey University, within the School of Veterinary Science, VERT has the ability to tap into the knowledge and skills present at Massey University, as well as conducting research. Some of the members of VERT are also actively involved in teaching undergraduate veterinarians about disaster response and the complexities of assisting animals in emergencies.

## **Presenter:**

Associate Professor Steven De Grey is a practising clinical veterinarian, currently based at Massey University in the Companion Animal Clinic. Steve has been a vet for over 35 years, and for the past decade has been based at Massey. During this time, he has become a senior member of the MUVERT team, trained in technical animal rescue (ARTech), high angle rescue (rope rescue operator), swift water and flood rescue (technician advanced), Search and Rescue (Cat 1a), Technical Large Animal Rescue (TLAR), rural vegetation fire, and Prehospital Emergency Care (PHEC). He is also a current board member of the Animal Emergency Incident Management Network, Australia New Zealand (AEIMN ANZ).

In his spare time, Steve likes to... wait, Steve has no spare time.