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Dr. Heather Bair-Brake is a veterinary public health officer within the Quarantine and Border Health Services Branch, at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Since joining CDC in 2003 she has been instrumental in the development of several programs, including a partnership with the U.S Department of Agriculture on antibiotic resistance in livestock called Get Smart on the Farm; a partnership among the pet industry for educating the public on pet zoonoses called the Zoonoses Education Coalition; and a biennial seminar for veterinary students known as "A Day at CDC for Veterinary Students." She has actively participated in many emergency responses including Hurricane Katrina, H1N1 flu, and most recently, the Ebola virus. But, her favorite contribution of all is Healthy Pets Healthy People - the only federal government website devoted to educating the public about pet-associated zoonotic diseases and handling pets safely.

