

Table II. *Activities provided by the Veterinary Services according to the Italian organization (DPC 1998, Mantovani et al. 1998b).*

Natural disasters	
Immediate actions	Subsequent actions
Identification of every possible food resource available and determine if the products are still edible and safe	Restore normal slaughtering activities, meat inspections, milk collection and storage;
Organization of treatment or slaughter of injured animals and identification of those still destined for human consumption	Supply medicines, vaccines, disinfectants and pesticides;
Destruction or containment of carcasses or animal waste	Disinfection of areas and companies at risk;
Providing shelter, food and water to the dispersed animals	Establish epidemiological surveillance;
Control of zoonosis	Evacuate animals from areas at risk (in case of repeatable events)
Pest control	
Food security	
Technological disasters	
Recognize the origins of contaminants at risk	
Remove or shelter animals from polluted areas	
Prevent animals from feeding on contaminated fodder or pasture	
Monitor contaminants in meat, milk and other animal products	
Ensure toxicological surveillance among the animal population	