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Dr. Kira Christian has served as a Veterinary Medical Officer and Analyst in the Global Disease Detection Operations Center (GDDOC) at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia since 2008. The CDC's Global Disease Detection (GDD) program is CDC's principal and most visible program for developing and strengthening global capacity to detect, identify, and contain international emerging infectious disease and bioterrorist threats. A significant component of GDD is the GDDOC, an epidemic intelligence unit which uses novel, event-based surveillance techniques to provide CDC with a single source of reliable, comprehensive, and high quality information on international disease outbreaks and other health threats. Dr. Christian received her MPH in Epidemiology from University of Illinois at Chicago in 2001, DVM from Michigan State University in 2005, practiced small animal medicine during 2005-06, served in CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service during 2006-08, and received board certification in Veterinary Preventive Medicine in 2010. Dr. Christian also holds the appointment of Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology within the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, and is an Advisory Panel Member for the Global Health Program at the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She also continues to practice small and exotic animal medicine on a relief basis.