



# San Mateo Santa Clara Santa Cruz **ANIMAL DISASTER ACTION PLAN**



This Animal Disaster Action Plan Guide includes everything needed to prepare for Animal Evacuation and Shelter-in-Place for pets, equines, and/or backyard livestock & poultry.



This workbook includes Emergency Plan Forms for Animals, People, Cars, Trucks & Trailers, First-Aid and Emergency Supply Checklists, as well as Animal Identification and Reunification Forms. This Animal Emergency Plan Guide helps people with hobby farms, backyard equine or livestock companions, small flocks of chickens, ducks, and other fowl, and Koi ponds.

- Keep information updated!
- Give a copy to the people who can care for your animals if you are not able.



**To use this Workbook, follow instructions on backside of this cover.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**ANIMAL  
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**EMERGENCY PREP &  
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# Animal Emergency Action Plan & Advance Care Directive Forms

- How to use them
- Where to keep them

For questions, more information, or to schedule a workshop, contact [rescue@halterfund.org](mailto:rescue@halterfund.org)

This packet includes 2 forms: an Animal Emergency Action Plan and an Advance Care Directive. These are key tools to help your animals in an emergency.

After you fill out the Animal Emergency Plan form, you'll need to make several copies and keep it where you or someone caring for your animals can find and use it quickly.

- One copy goes with your personal documents in your "grab & go" binder, file or bag.
- Keep one copy in the house where a helper, responder, or pet-sitter can find it easily.
- Give a copy to all the people who might care for your animal(s) if you're not able to.
- Store it electronically along with your other important documents.

## Advance Veterinary Care Directive Form

This form is on the back side of the Emergency Plan form. It provides your instructions for the care of your pet or other animals if you are not available.

- Keep a copy with your Emergency Plan.
- Give a copy to your veterinarian.
- Give copies to the people who might care for your animals if you cannot.

## TIPS

- Put copies of your Emergency Plan and Advance Care Directive in ziploc sandwich bag or clear envelope and attach to your refrigerator door, next to your own "File of Life" if you have one.
- Keep a card in your wallet with pet info on it.

## IF YOU HAVE EQUINES or COMPANION LIVESTOCK

- If you have equines or companion livestock or poultry, put a binder or file with this information in a safe place in the barn, garage or outbuilding.
- If you board your horses, make sure the barn manager has this information.
- Keep a copy in your vehicle glove compartment.

**ANIMAL EMERGENCY PLAN**  
For Pets, Equines, Backyard Livestock

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Print name and address
- Attach photos
- Put a copy with neighbors
- Give a copy to your veterinarian
- Give a copy to your rescue organization

Pet's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Pet's Description \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Information**

Veterinarian's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Diet Needs \_\_\_\_\_  
Medication \_\_\_\_\_  
Medication \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY SHELTERING INFORMATION**

For public health reasons, many emergency shelters cannot accept cats. Identify 2 businesses that accept pets in your area for short-term emergencies and 2 long-term pet boarding options. Long-term options must include boarding facilities, veterinarian, and social activities.

**Individuals:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Boarding Options:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Update your Animal Disaster Plan, Floody Kit, and emergency supplies twice a year.

**HALTER Project**

Advance Health and Final Care or Pets  
In the event of my death, or incapacity to act, I want the following plan for the care and safety of my pet(s) to be implemented.

**HALTER Project**

Pet's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Species \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my pet(s) to be:

- Placed in an appropriate home by the rescue organization.
- A copy of this document is on file with this organization.
- Surrendered to the SPCA, local humane society, or pet rescue organization.
- A copy of this document is on file with this organization.
- Euthanized, cremated, buried/interment disposed of with me, as mine.
- Placed with family or friends, as listed below.

Each person named has a copy of this document.

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Veterinarian Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I, a copy of this document, and my pet(s) records are on file with my veterinarian.

Pet Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## LOCAL ANIMAL SERVICES

- Santa Clara County Animal Services: 408-686-3900
- San Jose Animal Care & Services: 408-794-7297
- Santa Cruz County Animal Control: 831-471-1182
- San Mateo County AC / Peninsula Humane Society: 650-340-7022
- Palo Alto Animal Shelter: 650-496-5971
- Palo Alto Police 24-Hour Dispatch: 650-329-2413
- Humane Society Silicon Valley: 408-262-2133

## LARGE ANIMAL ASSISTANCE

- Santa Cruz County Equine Evac Unit: 831-708-8998 Call 911 in an emergency
- San Mateo Large Animal Evac Group: smclaeg.org Call 911 in an emergency

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## EVACUATION PREP

**When to Prepare:** During Red Flag, Fire Weather Warning, Wind or Storm Advisory, and other weather alerts!

- Don't wait for Mandatory Evacuation Orders
- Fuel and stage vehicles facing out
- Prepare safe space with lots of water for animals sheltering in place
- Disable electric gates & garage doors

### For animals you cannot evacuate:

- Post signs listing animals & their locations on site
- Pets - leave lots of water and an escape route
- Make sure address is clearly identified
- Leave doors unlocked, hide a key, or take key to Animals Services

## PREP YOUR ANIMALS

- Never leave animals locked in barn, shed, coop
- Prep equines by turning them out into a safe, defensible space – **DO NOT TURN ANIMALS LOOSE** near roadways where they can become hazards
- Make sure all animals wear ID
- Equines – Remove halters, masks, blankets
- Put pets in a quiet, secure room while you prepare to go
- Put on collars, harnesses and leashes

## YOUR ANIMAL EVAC RESOURCES

- Develop your own personal network of animal helpers and evacuation locations
- Line up help **BEFORE** you need it
- Know who to call, where to go, how to get there
- Practice loading animals in the day and night, with a variety of people and vehicles
- Have multiple plans for everything

## LOAD & GO

### GOES WITH YOU:

- Emergency contacts, vet records, animal ID with photos, microchip information
- Your Ready-kit, tools, first aid, meds, cash

### STAYS WITH ANIMALS:

- Contacts, vet records, prescriptions, toys
- Advance Care Directive
- Enough feed, water, medications for min. 30 days
- Halters, ropes, collars, harnesses, leashes
- Carriers, cages, sanitation, bedding
- Animal Ready-kits
- Animal-safe cleaning supplies

**Make a Neighborhood Animal Evac Buddy Network & get to know each other's animals!**

## PLAN AHEAD FOR YOUR ANIMALS

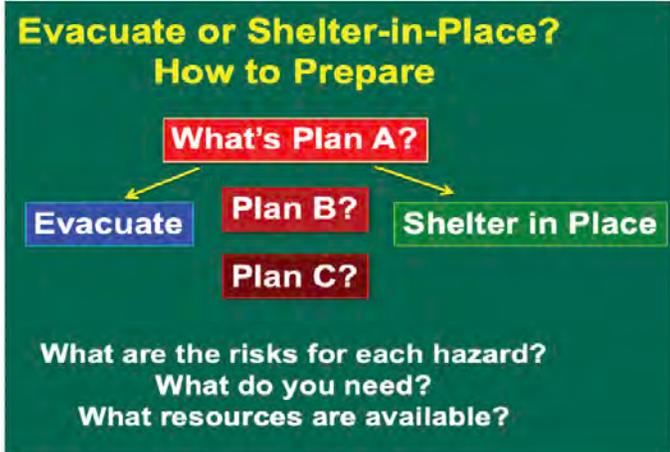
Everything takes longer and requires more advance planning and time. Always have multiple options and lists of contacts ready, including:

- Pet-friendly motels, VRBOs/AirBnB, friends and relatives, campsites
- Have paper maps, highlighted with multiple routes in different colors
- Make sure pets are secured in cars so they can't jump out
- Make sure you have secure accommodations for pets at your Evac location! Many pets escape from Evac locations and are then lost in unfamiliar surroundings. Take extra precautions!

## DO NOT

- Post animal help requests on unofficial Facebook or NextDoor platforms
- Cut fences without owner permission
- Post photos or videos of injured animals, or people rescuing animals.
- Attempt to rescue wild animals.

# Your Emergency Action Plan: Have a Plan for Everything



## YOUR ANIMAL EMERGENCY NETWORK

Develop your own personal network of animal helpers and evacuation locations.

- Include contact numbers and destinations info for your evac, transport and destination resources updated and quickly accessible.
- If you are a registered commercial live-stock producer, your county or regional Ag contacts should be in your EAP.
- If your area has an Ag Pass Program, make sure your info and resources are current and registered with the authorizing agency. This may be the Ag Commissioner, Farm Bureau, or Extension Advisor
- If you are not a registered ag producer, local animal control may be the agency authorizing access inside mandatory evac zones.

## PREP FOR EVAC AND SIP

Start by making or updating your personal and family Emergency Action Plan (EAP). If you're not safe you can't take care of your animals.

- Include plans for everything that could effect your family, farm, or business.
- Have multiple places to go, ways to get there, and people to help you.
- Have more than one way to get emergency alerts, and to communicate with others.
- Make multiple hard copies
  - » 1 Copy with you.
  - » 1 Copy at home or barn for helpers or responders.
  - » 1 Copy with your vet or trusted out-of-area resources.
- Store all documents electronically.
- Also include a set of all animal insurance documents and Advance Care Directives in your vehicle.

### Join or form a regional species-specific Emergency Prep Group

- Learn what training and credentials are required to access your animals if inside a mandatory evacuation zone.
- Collaborate as a group to create a directory of resources including: Communications, safe destinations, panels, and other equipment needs, transport, water, and feed.

### Your PPE

- Work boots & gloves
- Water
- Helmet & eye protection
- Meds & cash
- N95 and N100 masks
- Tool kit
- Sun & weather protection

## IMPORTANT EMERGENCY CONTACTS

### PERSONAL CONTACTS

- Transport & Hauling Resources
- Veterinarians
- Temporary Shelter Destinations- Include names, phone numbers, addresses
- Animal Control
- Animal Disaster Hotline Numbers (Where available)
- CART or Animal Evac Team (If relevant)

### AG RESOURCES

If you qualify for access as an ag business, one or more of these will be important to include in your contacts.

- Ag Commissioner
- Extension Advisor
- Farm Bureau State Dept. of Agriculture

# HOW AND WHEN to PUT YOUR PLAN INTO ACTION

Get evac-ready on Weather Watch and Warning days so, you'll be ready if conditions change suddenly.

## ANIMAL PREP STEPS

1. Make sure all animals are microchipped and have visible ID.
2. When you're preparing to evacuate, (or go on vacation or to the vet!), put pets in a secure, quiet place, (bathroom, laundry room, etc.), where they can be caught easily, and can't escape during your prep.
3. Put nervous or timid pets in their carrier with water, and cover with a sheet or towel while you prepare to go. Give toys or treats to distract them.
4. Consider using a calming product or medication if your vet has advised it.
5. Put animal go-kits, and yours, in your car or near your door.
6. Check in with your Buddy network and neighbors.
7. Decide where you're going and confirm arrangements or reservations.
8. Post a sign in a window or on a door about animals who may be at home.
9. Hide a key.

**If you are evacuating:** Don't forget your pet! Before you leave, STOP, BREATHE, REVIEW YOUR CHECKLIST, look around. Pets are often left waiting in their carriers.

### When to PREP

- Weather **WATCH**: Practice and prep.
- Weather **WARNING**: Load go-bags, prep animals, confirm destinations, leave.

### When to GO

- Be ready to go **BEFORE** you get an Evac Warning.
- A Red Flag, Flash Flood Warning, or other severe weather warning means **GO ASAP!**

## EVACUATION ALERTS

- **WARNING**: Danger is near. DO NOT WAIT – Leave now!
- Evac **ORDER**: You're in immediate danger. GO NOW!  
If you can't leave safely call 911.

# EVAC OR SIP? ASSESS THE RISKS

## DISASTER PLANNING

### Evac or SIP? Assess the Risks

- ✓ Human safety
- ✓ Infrastructure resilience
- ✓ Continuity of business operations
- ✓ Animal health
- ✓ Bio-Safety
- ✓ Product quality protection
- ✓ Public perception

## Ranch Hazard Awareness

- ✶ Hay storage
- ✶ Vehicles, fuel tanks
- ✶ Structures, EVs, battery storage
- ✶ Pressurized tanks, lithium ion batteries, chemicals
- ✶ Trees, power lines
- ✶ Poor access, visibility, egress

## Barn Hardening Checklist

- No flammable clutter inside or outside
- Maintain structures, gutters, vents
- Add extinguishers, hoses & nozzles, sprinklers
- Smoke alarms, security cameras

## EVAC LOADING LIST

Applies to equines  and many other herd species.

Keep written list updated. 

Include detailed ID info & photos. 

Review protocol often with staff, volunteers, and clients.  

Practice with haulers and barn staff.  

Never separate barn or pasture buddies.   

Never leave one of a pair or group alone.  

# Evacuation and Transport Safety

Avoid dangerous travel conditions  
by moving animals **BEFORE**  
Evac Warnings or Orders are issued.

## ANIMAL PREP

- Have animals confined for quick catch and load.
- Make detailed, current lists of loading order and of transport hierarchy, if you cannot move all at one time.
- Visible ID on every animal.
- Extra sets of halters & ropes for every equine, and for the relevant small ruminants.
- Practice with your team & your animals.



## RIG PREP

- Do a safety inspection.
- Fueled up, hooked up, staged for safest loading and departure.
- Bedding removed and windows closed if you're traveling near wildfire.

**Scan QR codes for detailed truck, trailer, and barn safety checklists.**



## ROAD or TRAILER ACCIDENT – WHAT TO DO

- Call 911
  - State LOCATION and SITUATION clearly
  - Ask for immediate equine veterinary assistance
  - Ask if an ANIMAL TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM is available
  - State number of vehicles and types
  - State number of animals
  - When help arrives stay focused and follow orders
  - Ask Scene Commander to minimize sirens, flashing lights, and bright lights shining directly into eyes of horses

## DOCUMENTS

- Animal insurance policy info, Agent, emergency number
- Animal ID & health info
- Owner & Proxy contacts
- Trailer Model info (may be very helpful to first responders!)

## EMERGENCY & SAFETY KITS

- First aid for animals & people
- Reflector signs & vests
- Work gloves
- Flashlights, headlamps, flashing lantern
- Thick cotton rope (2 x 20')



**If using a commercial hauler: Make sure resource has contacts for insurance carrier and owner, and your directive for humane euthanasia.**

## **SHELTERING IN PLACE: WILL YOUR ANIMALS BE SAFE ENOUGH?**

- Is their home defensible?
- Irrigated or dry-lot pasture?
- How far from radiant heat sources are they?...heavy brush or timber, big barns, residences.
- Secure, firesafe perimeter fencing?



## **HOW SAFE IS YOUR PROPERTY?**

- Will it be accessible after a fire or earthquake?
- If water or fencing is power-dependent, is there a backup source?
- Consider all potential hazards:
  - Wind-blown fire & embers
  - Health impacts of smoke



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# ANIMALS SHELTERED-IN-PLACE

When you can't evacuate your animals or you're sheltering in place with them.

**You may need to evacuate yourself and leave your animals at home.**

**Or you may have to shelter-in-place at home with your animals after a storm, earthquake, during an extended power outage, or another emergency.**

**To prepare to keep your animals, and yourself, safe and well, it is important to have enough of the right supplies.**

## How Much Do You Need?

- Enough safe drinking water for at least one month.
- Water for hygiene.
- The goal is to have enough food, medications, sanitation, toys and treats for one month.
- PLUS, an extra dose of parasite control for each animal, and extra food if your animal has special needs.
- Safe ways to secure your animals.

If you must leave pets at home, and you have time to do these things **SAFELY**:

- Leave extra bowls of water and dry food.
- Hide a key.
- Close doors and windows, leave windows unlocked.
- Leave toilet lid up (only if you do not use automatic bowl cleaners!)
- Leave your Animal Emergency Plan, pet food, and meds where responders can find them, but animals cannot get into them. Tip: The dryer is a great place, or under a BBQ lid.

## TIPS

- Form a buying group with neighbors or your evac buddies to purchase essentials in quantity.
- Identify locations for shared storage of large or bulky items, like food and kitty litter.
- Refresh or rotate supplies twice a year. A good time to do this is when the time changes.



## Pet Evac Prep Checklist When to PREP and When to GO



The time to PREP for possible evacuation or sheltering-in-place is when there's a Weather Watch or Warning.



These are the times to practice your plan with pets, family, neighbors, and your pet buddy network of helpers and destinations.



**BONUS: If you're prepared for a natural disaster, you'll be ready in case of personal emergencies, too!**



### PREP for PETS & PEOPLE

Check all Go-Bags, Refresh if needed.

Pack enough for 5-7 days, minimum.

Practice with pets.

Cash, eyeglasses, meds, chargers.

Put all important personal & pet docs with Go-Bags.

Put bags where you can pick them up quickly.

Fuel your car.

### PREP for PETS

ID tags on all pets.

Check in with your pet buddy network.

Practice using harness, loading carrier, securing in car.

Practice with others.

On **RED FLAG** or **FLOOD WARNING** DAYS  
This is the time to review your plan, confirm your destination, and **GO**, or be **100% READY to GO**.

Keep your phone charged & on.

Listen to radio & TV weather forecasts.

Load Go-Bags into car.

Keep meds, etc. cool and ready to go.

Confine pets in a safe, secure place.

Don't leave dogs tied outside.

Leave extra water for outside cats.

Confirm neighbor or Evac Buddy is ready to get your pet, if needed.

Confirm that you have a place to go with your pets.

Confirm that you have helpers and transportation.

Check manual garage opener or park outside facing exit route.

Plan to leave during daylight, if possible.

# HELP RESPONDERS HELP YOU AND YOUR ANIMALS

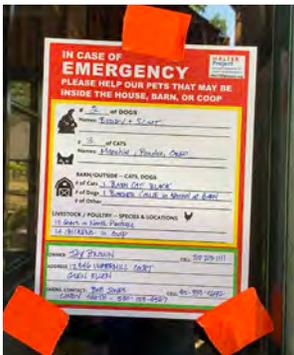


## WHERE TO PUT EVAC TAGS

Place Evac Tag in a location most visible to First Responders who are on the street -- such as a gate, mailbox, or front door. FOR MORE INFO, see instructions provided by Sheriff's Office.

**SHERIFF EVAC TAGS** are for homes & property in areas where County Sheriff provides law enforcement protection.

**ANIMAL HELP SIGNS** can be used ANYWHERE -- both in cities and in the unincorporated and rural areas.



## HOW TO USE "IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ANIMALS AT THIS LOCATION" SIGNS

- Put in several locations to help Animal Responders find your animals.
- For outdoor locations, put in a baggie, a page protector, or laminate.



Tape sign on a door or in a front window



At gate, driveway, barn entrance, other property entrances



On your mailbox

# HOW TO REQUEST HELP FOR ANIMALS YOU CANNOT EVACUATE:

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If you are not able to evacuate some or all of your animals, call the Animal HOTLINE or Animal Control Emergency number.

- Call when you are safe.
- You can also ask a trusted friend, neighbor, or caregiver to call for you.

## WHO HELPS THE ANIMALS?

- Authorized Animal Responders working with Emergency Services
- During evacuations, Sheriff Deputies will not be able to rescue animals, other than a Service Animal accompanying a human.

## MAKE A SITE MAP OF YOUR PROPERTY

**XYZ Ranch**  
12345 Your Road, Your Town, Your Zip

Contact 1: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact 2: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



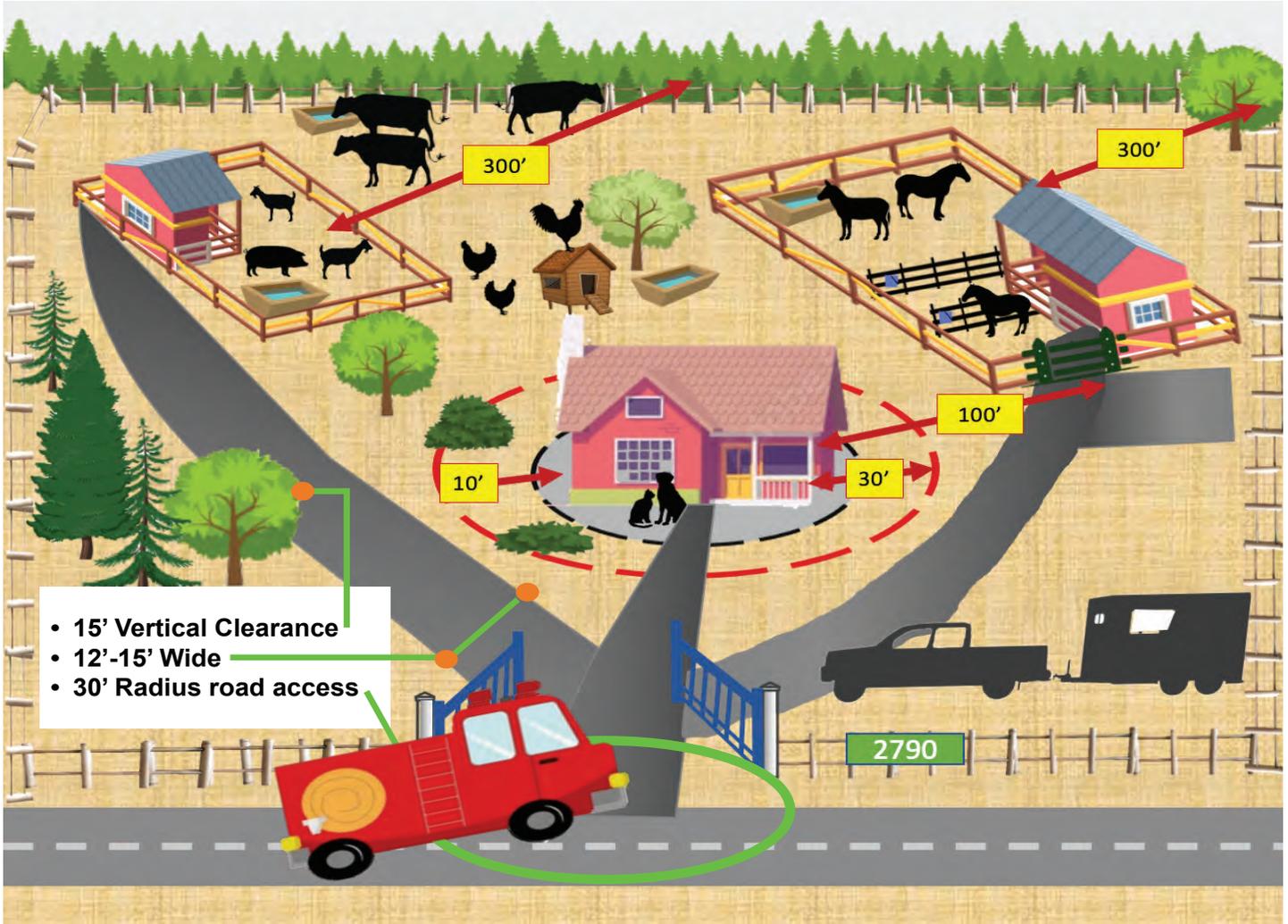
**EVAC TAG**

- **Equines:** \_\_\_ Mares \_\_\_ Foals \_\_\_ Geldings \_\_\_ Stallions \_\_\_ Minis
  - ◆ **Cattle:** Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ▲ **Barn Cats:** Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Names \_\_\_\_\_
  - ★ **Dogs:** Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Loose? \_\_\_\_\_ In kennels? \_\_\_\_\_ Friendly? \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☀ **Chickens / Poultry:**
  - ⬡ **Small Ruminants:**
  - **Water**    ○ **Troughs:**
- Evacuate or Shelter in place (SIP)?**

**NOTES:**

	Electric Vehicle & Charger
	Hazardous Materials

## DEFENSIBLE SPACE FOR ANIMALS



- ✓ Create a "LEAN, CLEAN and GREEN ZONE" by removing all flammable materials within 30' immediately surrounding structures.
- ✓ Keep animals as far as possible from brush and forest.
- ✓ Clear "stuff" next to buildings (furniture, tack boxes, supplies, etc.)
- ✓ Store hay, feed and bedding away from animal housing.
- ✓ Keep long hoses & nozzles in good shape and connected.
- ✓ Maintain safe property access for Emergency Vehicles!

## In an Equine or Large Animal **EMERGENCY** WHAT TO DO and HOW to REQUEST HELP

An **INDIVIDUAL EMERGENCY** is an incident involving one location, a few animals, people, and vehicles or structures. Examples: trailer accident, down or stuck equine/large animal unable to get up or out, trail riding accident, barn fire, or mud/water.

Animal Control and/or Large Animal Rescue Team can respond, but **must be requested through the proper channels**. Find out what resources are available in your area and how to request them. Keep their info where you can find it quickly.

**Dispatch protocols vary**: find out who to call in a Large Animal Emergency. May be 911, Animal Control, Sheriff, or other.

- Stay calm so you can help Dispatch and Responders!
- Request **"LARGE ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM"**
- Be ready to answer questions clearly and provide details about **LOCATION** and **TYPE of INCIDENT**.
  - Are humans injured?
  - Roadway, vehicle, trail, mud/water, barn, loose livestock, other?
  - Number of animals? What species?
  - Slide or fall? Over the edge? Stuck in mud or water?
  - Terrain: Steep cliff, beach, ice?
  - Stuck: Well/sinkhole, trailer, cattle guard?
  - Collapsed building, fallen tree(s)?
- **Call your veterinarian.**
- **Condition of animal:**
  - Position, visible injuries, trapped in a trailer?
- **What resources are available?**
  - Helpers: Rope rescue specialists, LAR Equipment, tractor, boom truck, equipment operator.
- **When help arrives, stay focused and follow orders from the Responder in charge of the incident.**

Animal Control: \_\_\_\_\_  
Animal Shelter: \_\_\_\_\_

## In a **DISASTER** – What to do! Breathe and Stay Calm so you can help others!

In a disaster you need to be able to get alerts and information in a variety of ways.

### **FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON LOCAL ALERT NOTIFICATIONS**

Listen to local AM/FM radio and NOAA emergency weather radio, follow government agencies on social media. Call 2-1-1 with questions.

- **SEVERE WEATHER or RED FLAG = READY to GO NOW!**
  - Have your Evac Plans, Go-Kits, and Emergency Binders ready.
  - Have your vehicle fueled, loaded, and staged for easy departure.
  - Line up your helpers, transportation and boarding, and/or, shelter locations for animals.
  - Put ID on animals.
- **EVAC WARNING/ADVISORY = EVACUATE NOW!**
  - Check evac routes before you go.
  - Have a plan for animals to **SHELTER** in **PLACE** if unable to evacuate safely or get home to your animals.
  - Check food, water, equipment caches in place.
  - Prep and confine animals in defensible refuge space.
  - Do not turn animals loose. Notify authorities of loose livestock.
  - Remove equine fly masks, blankets, wraps.
- **EVACUATION ORDER = "MANDATORY". Life-safety danger! Evacuating with animals will be dangerous. Only authorized helpers will be allowed in! Animals may need to shelter in place.**
  - To request help for animals, call Animal Services or numbers posted in alerts.
  - Give address, species, # of animals.
  - Have reflective signs, paint address at entrance, have halters, lead ropes, & water easily visible and accessible.
  - Leave a key at home, or with animal services.
- To Volunteer - Do NOT attempt to assist unless you have the necessary credentials, or are part of a government-activated Community Animal Response Team (CART).
  - Sign up with community volunteer coordination resource.

# EARTHQUAKE & TSUNAMI SAFETY TIPS for Animals Owners

## DURING A QUAKE

- If you are able Drop, Cover, Hold On! Protect your head.
- If you are not able to drop: stay put, and protect your head.
- Do not try to hold onto your pet.



## AFTER A QUAKE

- Turn on your radio.
- Secure pets.
- Put collar/harness & leash on pet.
- Turn equines & livestock out in case of aftershocks or tsunami.
- Move to safest place in your home or outside.
- Clear floor of glass, wipe or cover spills
- Check home and barn for damage.
- Check water supply.
- Smell and listen for gas leaks.
- If you smell gas do not light a match or click on a flashlight
- If you smell gas leave immediatly.
- Barns & water tanks may be compromised.
- **OUTDOOR HAZARDS:** Utilities, powerlines, trees, roads, bridges, ground insibility.

## Tsunami, Flash Flood, Debris Flow

- Take alerts and forecasts seriously.
- If you receive a tsunami alert, leave immediately.
- Conditions can change suddenly.
- Move yourself and animals during Weather Watch.



**Never leave animals tied, chained,  
or locked indoors.**

## RESOURCES

EarthquakeCountry.org  
weather.gov/safety/tsunami  
HALTERproject.org/  
preparedness-resources

## APPS

MyShake  
Early Earthquake Warning

Follow usgs.gov  
on  
Instagram  
and/or FaceBook

# Winter Animal Safety



## QUICK PREP TIPS

- Heed weather alerts!
- Be ready to take action
- Check smoke alarms
  - ✓ At home
  - ✓ In barns
- Weatherproof emergency supplies
- Prepare for power outages & blocked roads
- Do frequent hazard hunts around:
  - ✓ House
  - ✓ Yard
  - ✓ Pasture
  - ✓ Barn



**STAY INFORMED  
STAY AWARE**  
**ReadyMarin.gov**  
**SoCo Emergency**  
**National Weather Service**  
**HALTER Project**  
**Marin Humane**  
**CaIVET**

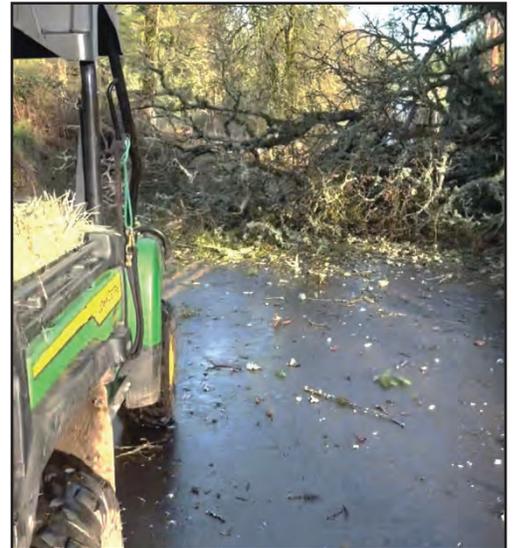
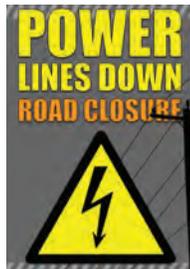
## WEATHER WATCHES & WARNINGS

- Cold Weather
- Heavy or prolonged rain
- Wind, thunderstorms
- Beach Advisories
- Fire Weather (yes, really!)
- Flash flood, mudslide, ground instability debris flow



## WATCH OUT! LOOK OUT!

- Down power lines
- Leaning trees, dangling branches
- Water seepage on trails & slopes
- Leaves, debris, clogged drains



## DANGERS TO PETS

- Mushrooms, pinecones, anti-freeze, salted pavement
- Hypothermia
- Riptides & sneaker waves
- Delayed evacuation



## DANGERS TO EQUINES

- Mud, slick trails, rockfall
- Poor roadway hauling conditions due to dense fog, standing water, high winds
- Barn fires, collapse, entrapment
- Submerged fencing, septic tanks, old wells



# PLAN AHEAD FOR POWER OUTAGES

## PETS & PEOPLE

- Create a home cooling station for pets & people.
- Remember: Kids, people with special needs, pug-nosed cats and dogs, rabbits, and birds are all especially vulnerable to heat.
- Know what to do for people dependent upon medical equipment.
- Stock up on meds & medical supplies.

## EVERYONE

- Gas stations won't be open!
- EV charging won't be available.
- Stock up on fuel for generator.
- ATMs may not work; have cash on hand.
- Have good LED headlamps and lanterns.

## EQUINES & LIVESTOCK

- Automatic systems on PG&E will not function, including:
  - \* Waterers
  - \* Irrigation
  - \* Fans & insect repellent dispensers
- Automatic security, gates, doors, alarms.
- Stable equipment: refrigerators, sterilizers, washers, dryers.
- Fish pond aerators and filters.

## WATER

Prepare for minimum of  
7-10 days  
& high temperatures.

### GALLONS REQUIRED PER DAY

People & Pets: 1-2

Equines: 15-20

Cattle: 9

Pigs: 2-4

Small Ruminants: 1

Poultry: 5 (per 100)

Turkey: 12 (per 100)

## COMMUNICATIONS

- Get a communications app or satellite phone.
- Have solar power source for charging cell phones, tablets, computers.
- Have extra batteries for everything!

## GENERATOR SAFETY

- Does your permanent generator meet needs?
- Know the safety protocols for temporary generators!
- More info:
  - \* [pge.com](http://pge.com) Generator Safety
  - \* [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org)

## FOOD SAFETY & WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Do you have an emergency plan?
- Will power outages impact your food storage, and/or waste management systems?
- Safe food storage... will you have enough capacity?

## BIOSECURITY

- Be aware of current disease alerts and quarantines.
- Untrained helpers may unknowingly spread disease.
- Know how to contact authorized animal response resources.

## PROPERTY ACCESS

- Know how to disable electric gates, garage doors, security systems.
- Have clearly marked entrance and signage throughout property.
- Provide access for emergency and evacuation vehicles, including: gates, trees, road and driveway conditions and adequate space for turnarounds.



## Top Tips to Keep Your Animals Safe in Emergencies & Disasters



- ✓ Be **personally** prepared.
- ✓ Have a plan for every type of emergency.
- ✓ Pack supplies for GO & STAY.
- ✓ Know how to get all local emergency alerts.
- ✓ Know the Evac Zone for every place your animals, family, and you might be.
- ✓ Know who and how to call for help when you cannot take your animals.
- ✓ Create a Buddy Network.
- ✓ Have a Weather Watch routine and practice with animals and helpers.
- ✓ Practicing can reduce stress! Practice in all kinds of conditions, and with your buddies and their animals.
- ✓ Practice loading pets into car, carriers, and walking on leash or harness.
- ✓ Can you get out of the house with your animals safely and quickly?
- ✓ Practice with your cane or walker, and with a buddy.
- ✓ Make plans together with your animal helpers and buddy network.
- ✓ Have multiple pet-friendly destinations, e.g. motels and AirBnB's, campgrounds, friends.
- ✓ Use Situational Awareness every day: Look Up! Look down! Look all around!
- ✓ Be the calm leader of your pack, flock, and neighborhood.

### Where To Get Info

- Local Emergency Alerts
- Local AM/FM radio, TV
- NOAA radio
- Official Agency posts on social media: Sheriff, Police, Fire, Emergency Services, Animal Services

### Reunification Tips

- Microchip your pets, make sure registration is current.
- Add your contact info and name of your apartment complex or facility to your pet ID and carrier.
- Take photos of you with your animals.
- Record a video of their voice and/or special traits.

# Personal Ready-Kit Essentials



## Chose Items That Multitask

Many of the items you include in your personal Ready-Kit and first aid kit can also be used for your animals. Be sure to add items specific to the needs of your animals to ensure their health and safe sanitation.

- Wear boots or sturdy shoes, long pants & layers
- Cell phone, cables, chargers
- Underwear, socks, light warm layer
- Waterproof document wallet with important info
- Thumb drive w/critical docs
- Water, snacks, electrolyte packets
- Meds, eye & lip care
- Glasses, extra contacts
- Spare keys
- Small first aid kit
- PPE-M95 and N100 masks
- Eye protection: sunglasses, goggles
- Work & nitrile gloves
- Notebook, pens, pencils, Sharpie
- Purifier tabs or LifeStraw
- Cash in small bills
- Whistle
- Flashlight, batteries
- Headlamp with red light
- Fanny pack/sling bag
- Emergency blankets
- Poncho, rain gear
- Multi-tool
- Glowsticks, LED beacon
- Hi-viz safety vest
- Can opener
- Trash bags

## Communication

- Comms devices, radio/satellite phone, chargers, cables. Make sure you have correct charging, cables, adapters for your current devices. Ensure lithium ion batteries and chargers are properly stored.
- Hand crank or solar radio/charger/light
- Radio, GPS locator, satellite communication communicator

## Personal Hygiene

- TP, sanitizer, antibacterial soap
- Hygiene wipes: Try to use eco-friendly wipes when possible.
- Unscented baby wipes and body wipes are generally safe for use on pets as well as humans.
- Water wipes and saline wipes are good for eyes, ears, noses, and paws.
- Dry wipes are essential for removing ash from animal fur and hair. Paper towels, cheese cloth, dish towels work well and are easy to pack.



<b>Week 1</b>				
<p>Tour your home to gather items you already have. Place all items in a waterproof bag or container before packing in the kit. Check off each item as you go.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A sturdy, easy-to-carry container to hold items (backpack, duffle bag or large tote)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A set of clothes and sturdy shoes for each family member</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copies of important papers (birth certificates, ID, insurance policies, passports, home lease/deed, etc.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A 3-day supply of your medications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A current list of family phone numbers and e-mails including someone who can be reached if local lines are down</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A map (mark an evacuation route on it from your local area)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Extra cash in small bills</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spare keys for house and car</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spare glasses or contacts and solution</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Books or toys</li> </ul>				
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Week 6</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 jar of peanut butter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 box crackers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 boxes of energy bars</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 cans of meat/fish</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 cans of fruit/veggies</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> manual can opener</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle juice</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg hand sanitizer</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 antibacterial soap</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 liquid dish soap</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 rolls toilet paper</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 box facial tissues</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> first aid kit &amp; guide</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> latex gloves</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> tweezers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Week 11</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> thermometer</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> allergy/pain reliever in a childproof container</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> feminine supplies</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> comb and brush</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 potted meat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> towel &amp; washcloths</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> toothbrush &amp; paste</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> shampoo, bar soap</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> deodorant</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> umbrella/slicker</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> scarf</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> winter gloves</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle juice</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg energy snacks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> emergency blanket</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> matches</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>
<b>Week 12</b>	<b>Week 13</b>	<b>Week 14</b>	<b>Week 15</b>	<b>Week 16</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> flashlight</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> batteries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> cotton rope</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle juice</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> screwdriver</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> utility knife</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> pliers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 can fruit/veggies</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg eating utensils</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg plastic cups</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> paper towels/napkins</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> pet food &amp; dishes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> extra water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> leash</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> litter pan/litter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 can meat/fish</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> cell phone &amp; charger</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> dried fruits &amp; nuts</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>
<b>Week 17</b>	<b>Week 18</b>	<b>Week 19</b>	<b>Week 20</b>	<b>Week 21</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> extra flashlight</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> extra batteries for radio &amp; flashlight</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle juice</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> work gloves</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> dust masks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> chlorine bleach</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> garbage bags &amp; ties</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 gallon water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> plastic sheeting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> plastic bucket &amp; lid</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> disinfectant</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> notepad and pen</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2 boxes dry cereal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> box graham crackers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> whistle</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> duct tape</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 pkg energy snacks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> comfort foods</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> scissors</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> extra blankets</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> small pillows</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> water container</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> weather radio \$1.75*</li> </ul>

\*Save \$1.75 a week and purchase your weather radio at the end of 21 weeks

Customize your kit for your family

For baby: baby food, formula, bottles, diapers, extra water, for formula and washing bottles

For Seniors: oxygen, walker, adult diapers, a hearing aid with extra batteries and extra medications

For Pets: carrier, medicines, inoculation and health records, ID tags, photo of you with your pet(s)

For Children: toys, travel games, extra batteries, stuffed animal, cards, crayons, paper, books

Daylight Savings time: When you change your clocks, check your kit! Replace expired food, medicine, and batteries. Check clothing for fit and seasons. Also, change smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries.

For more preparedness tips, visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).



# Ready-Kit Checklists for Cats, Dogs, & Other Pets

For a checklist for **YOUR** pet species, go to [HALTERproject.org/checklists](http://HALTERproject.org/checklists)

## WATER!

How much do I need for a day?

Humans: 1.5 – 2 gallons

Horses: 12 – 20 gallons

Dogs: 1 oz. per lb.

Cats: 5 -10 oz. per lb.

Small Ruminants: 1 – 2 gallons

Poultry: 1-2 gallons (per 12-20)



## Meds & First Aid

- ✓ Current prescription & dosage information.
- ✓ First Aid kit with tick remover, Bleed-Stop or styptic pencil.
- ✓ Packets of Manucca Honey or antibiotic silver-honey dressing.
- ✓ Bandages
- ✓ Paw ointment, Vaseline, Aquaphor.

## Comfort & Calm

- ✓ Fun stuff, toys, treats
- ✓ Bedding, blanket, sheet or towel for privacy.
- ✓ Cooling pads, ice packs
- ✓ Calming aids
- ✓ Thunder Shirt
- ✓ Large pillow case: good way to transfer cats, birds, reptiles, pocket pets into carriers.



## Basics

Refresh supplies twice a year.

- ✓ Water, food, meds, enough for:
  - \* GO: 7-14 Days
  - \* STAY: Min. of 1 month
  - \* Parasite Control - plus one extra dose per animal.
- ✓ Use zip-lock bags for dry food.
- ✓ Pack small cans of wet food.
- ✓ Emergency water packets.
- ✓ Travel bowls, spoon, can opener, lid.
- ✓ Extra reflective collar, harness, leash and ID tags.
- ✓ Headlamp or flashlight with red mode.

## Grooming & Hygiene

- ✓ Brushes and combs
- ✓ Saline solution or wipes for eyes, noses, ears.
- ✓ Pee pads, Poop bags.
- ✓ Disposable litter pan & litter.
- ✓ Pet-safe disinfectant.
- ✓ Unscented baby wipes.
- ✓ Sanitizer
- ✓ Disposable gloves
- ✓ Trash bags
- ✓ Anti-Bacterial soap



## A note about MUZZLES:

You may need to use one if your dog is not in a carrier and you are riding on public transportation or inside a human evac shelter.



## Animal ID & Reunification

If you and your animals are separated, current ID, photos and videos will help you reconnect faster and more safely.

Microchipping is the BEST way to help you and your animals reconnect. Report your missing animal ASAP to local Animal Services. Post your info on local "Missing Animal" social media sites.

- ✓ Have multiple forms of ID: microchip plus visible ID on all animals.
- ✓ Keep all forms of ID updated!
- ✓ Add extra collar, harness and leash with pet name and your contact info to emergency supplies.

## Pet-Safe Sanitation, & Other Essentials

Ready-Kits should be easy to grab & go. Keep them where they are safe and accessible.

Long stay-at-home supplies should be stored in weather tight, insect and rodent-proof containers. Make sure you can get to them easily and safely. Flashlight, charger, radio, batteries.

### PET-SAFE CLEANING PRODUCTS

- \* Use unscented pet or baby-safe cleaning products.
- \* Many essential oils are toxic to pets.
- \* When using alcohol, bleach or hydrogen peroxide products, MUST allow to air-dry COMPLETELY before pet use.
- \* Put newspapers under pee pads for extra cushion and easier cleanup.

## Pet Carrier, Crate, and Car Safety

- ✓ Cats, small dogs, birds, reptiles and pocket pets should be secured in appropriate carriers or cages.
- ✓ Make sure carriers are secure. Check clips and bolts and add zipties where possible.
- ✓ Make sure pets cannot jump out of car windows or doors.
- ✓ Crates should be large enough for animals to stand up, lay down, and turn around.
- ✓ Covering pet carrier or crate will help them feel calmer and safer.
- ✓ Keep pets cool: ice packs, cooling pad, water spritz.
- ✓ Put your name, number, and address or your facility's name on the carrier.



# Ready Kit Know-How

Whose stuff do you need to carry? Who will you need to help?  
What should you wear? Think about your movements...  
Will you be on foot? In and out of cars? In an Emergency Shelter?

**MAKE EVERY BAG COUNT!**

**If it's too heavy, or bulky, or ties up your hands -- it's NOT going to work!**

Store heavy items in your **CAR KIT**

*before you need them!*

Water, flashlights, batteries, snacks, sleeping bag, safety vests, gloves, boots, hygiene supplies, pet food, space blanket, tarp, tools.

If you cannot carry much on your back, have a **ROLLING BAG**

with heavier items.

**INSULATED COOLER WITH ICE PACK**

for human and animal medicines.

**HEADLAMP & EYE PROTECTION**



**BACKPACK** for carrying lightweight bulky items: **WATER**, clothes, blanket, medications, documents, flashlight, warm hat and socks.

**HIGH VISIBILITY CLOTHES** and light-weight layers.

**FANNY PACK** for easy access to small essentials: whistle, eye drops, chap stick, glasses, bandanna, multi-purpose tool.

**PET CARRIER** Secure top and bottom with zip-ties.

**CROSS-BODY BAG**

for lighter items: Water, I.D., cash & cards, glasses, phone, goggles, snacks, gloves, hat, flashlight, radio, chargers, batteries, hygiene, first-aid.



**DISASTER ACTION PLAN**  
**IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS**  
**EMERGENCY CONTACTS**



## **CAR, TRUCK, and Trailer READY-KITS**

- ✓ Water (packs, jugs, Camelback)
- ✓ Purifier straw & tablets
- ✓ Buckets, hose, nozzle
- ✓ Tarps, foil blankets, ponchos
- ✓ Boots and socks
- ✓ Multi-season clothes, underwear
- ✓ Nitrile gloves
- ✓ Work gloves
- ✓ Potty bucket & liners
- ✓ Disinfectant & Chlorine Bleach
- ✓ Antibacterial soap, wipes, TP
- ✓ N-95 Masks & safety eye wear
- ✓ Food kit
- ✓ NOAA Radio
- ✓ Satellite phone/Beacon locator
- ✓ Buckets, spray bottles, sponge
- ✓ Vehicle Fire Extinguisher
- ✓ Hand held tire inflater
- ✓ Jumper cables or battery powered car charger
- ✓ Glass cleaning products, ice scraper
- ✓ Safety vests
- ✓ [Horse Trailer Safety Checklist](#)
- ✓ [Travel Safety for You & Your Horse](#)
- ✓ Loaded gross weight verification
- ✓ Store all types of batteries safely in trailers and vehicles.
- ✓ Chargers - Use according to instructions: do not leave devices plugged in.
- ✓ First-aid kit
- ✓ Generator and fuel
- ✓ Chain & hand saws
- ✓ Shovel, metal rake, fire tool
- ✓ Bolt & wire cutters
- ✓ Reflective Duct Tape
- ✓ Safety Cones
- ✓ Wheel chocks, jack, crowbar
- ✓ Emergency blanket - mylar, heavy cotton, or wool
- ✓ Flares or electronic safety beacons NOTE: Do not use flares in fire weather, dry, windy conditions
- ✓ Headlamps, lanterns
- ✓ Flashlights & batteries
- ✓ Solar charger
- ✓ Small toolkit, knife, scissors



## EQUINE READY-KIT

- First-aid kit with **EVERY-THING**
- Hoof care tools
- Climbing rope
- Extra halters & lead ropes
- Long butt-rope
- Fly spray & stick
- Leg wraps
- Fly masks
- Liniment
- Treats
- Towels, assorted buckets
- Slow-feed hay nets
- Feed & water in trailer & arena
- 1 gal. metal can w/handle
- EZ boots
- Vicks in a tube
- 1 Brushes + mane-tail comb
- Fly sheets in a vacuum bag
- Hose, nozzle

### HOW MUCH WATER DO YOU NEED?

**GO: 1-2 Weeks**  
**STAY: 1 Month Minimum**  
**12-20 Gallons / Day**



## EQUINE ID

- Use multiple forms of ID
- Micro-chip! Keep updated!
- ManeStay ID tags, halter wraps w/ contact info
- Livestock ear tags & markers
- Livestock crayons and paint
- ID Tags & Markers
- Reflective neck and fetlock bands
- Giant markers
- Duct Tape (Reflective or Neon)
- Registration, Vet Records
- Emergency Contacts
- Medical Directives: What to do and amount of expense approved
- White Board listing all animals & locations
- Photos of you with your pets and equines





# Barn Fire Safety Checklist

Mrs. O’Leary’s Cow may have gotten a bad rap but the folktale reminds us fire safety is an important part of farm life. People, animals, and property are in danger when fire breaks out on the farm. Inspect your barn and outbuildings for fire hazards to reduce the risk of tragic loss.

- ✓ Heat lamps and space heaters are kept a safe distance from anything that can burn.
- ✓ Heaters are on a sturdy surface and cannot fall over.
- ✓ Electrical equipment is labeled for agricultural or commercial use.
- ✓ All wiring is free from damage.
- ✓ Extension cords are not used in the barn.
- ✓ Lightbulbs have covers to protect them from dust, moisture, and breakage.
- ✓ Damage is identified quickly and repairs are completed with safety in mind.
- ✓ Dust and cobwebs around electrical outlets and lights are removed.
- ✓ Oily rags are stored in a closed, metal container away from heat.
- ✓ Feed, hay, straw, and flammable liquids are stored away from the main barn.
- ✓ The barn is a smoke-free zone.
- ✓ Exits are clearly marked and pathways are clear.
- ✓ Fire drills are held frequently with everyone who uses the barn.
- ✓ Workers are trained to use fire extinguishers.
- ✓ Everyone in the barn knows personal safety is the first priority if a fire breaks out.
- ✓ Hazard checks take place on a set schedule.

## Required Equipment

The following safety equipment may be required by local building codes and will help protect your barn. Install and maintain:

- ABC-type fire extinguishers near every exit and within 50 feet from any point in the barn.
- Fire alarm system
- Sprinkler system
- Carbon monoxide detection system



Talk with your local fire department to address safety concerns unique to your farm.

Go to [www.nfpa.org/farms](http://www.nfpa.org/farms) to learn more about fire safety on the farm.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

## LARGE ANIMAL INFORMATION

**ANIMAL NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIES:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BREED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE** \_\_\_\_\_

**COLOR:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STALL/PEN #** \_\_\_\_\_

**SEX:** Mare Gelding Stallion

**OWNER NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE 1** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE 2** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERG. CONTACT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**VET** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

### ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

**MICROCHIP NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**BRAND / TATTOO** Circle Location: Neck Hip Lip Other

**MARKINGS** (Blaze, Sock, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

PHOTO

### FEED

HAY A.M. NOON. P.M.

GRAIN A.M. NOON. P.M.

**ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS** \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTES

**NEEDS MEDICATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**BLIND:** Left Right Both **LAME:** (Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNINGS:** Kicks Bites Head/Ear Shy Doesn't Load

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Needs to be with others or has a buddy \_\_\_\_\_

PHOTO

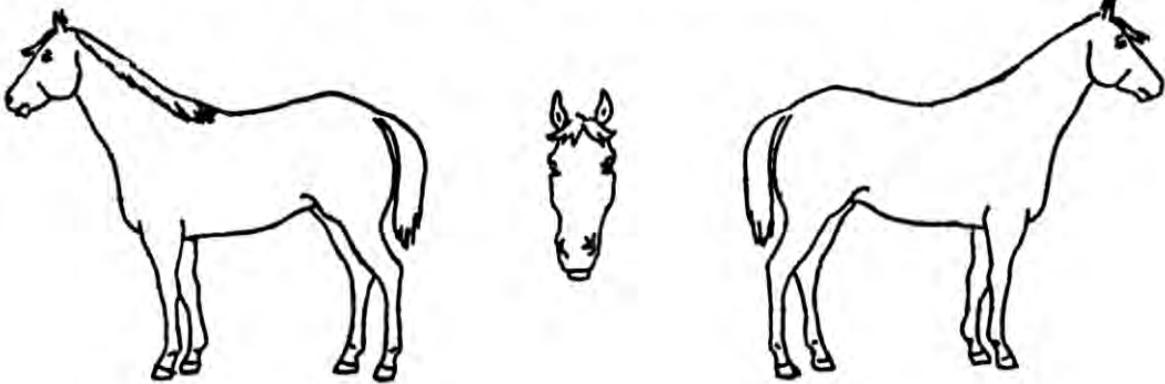
**ANIMAL INSURANCE INFO – Policy Number**

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**OWNER'S VEHICLE(S) LICENSE PLATE(S)**

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Sketch markings and indicate colors or attach photographs showing both sides and face.



# ANIMAL EMERGENCY PLAN

For Owners, Caregivers,  
and Animal Sitters

Attach current  
vaccination & vet  
records to this plan.

- \* Keep a copy with your important records.
- \* Put a copy where helpers and responders can see it.
- \* Give copies to animal caregivers.
- \* Keep a copy electronically.

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Description: \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical Information

Veterinarian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Diet Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication: \_\_\_\_\_ Dose: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication: \_\_\_\_\_ Dose: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Attach copies of pet's vaccination records and a photo of your pet to this plan\*\*

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## EMERGENCY SHELTERING INFORMATION

For public health reasons, many emergency shelters cannot accept pets. Identify 2 hotels/motels that accept pets in your area for short-term emergencies and 2 long-term pet boarding options. Long-term options could include boarding kennels, veterinarians, and animal shelters.

### Hotels/Motels:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Boarding Options:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Update your Animal Disaster Plan, Ready Kit, and emergency supplies twice a year.



## Advance Health and Final Care or Pets

In the event of my death, or incapacity to act,  
I want the following plan for the care and safety  
of my pet(s) to be implemented.



Pet's Name	Species	Age	Gender
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### I would like my pet(s) to be:

- Placed in an appropriate home by this rescue organization:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- A copy of this document is on file with this organization.
- Surrendered to the SPCA, local humane society, or pet rescue organization
- A copy of this document is on file with this organization.
- Euthanized, cremated, buried/remains disposed of with me, as mine.
- Placed with family or friends, as listed below.
- Each person named has a copy of this document.

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship
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### Veterinarian Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

- A copy of this document, and my pet(s) records are on file with my veterinarian.

Pet Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

ANIMAL  
CONTROL

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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## ANIMALS MAY BE INSIDE THE HOUSE, BARN, OR COOP



# \_\_\_\_\_ of **DOGS**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ of **CATS**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**BARN/OUTSIDE -- CATS, DOGS**



# of Cats \_\_\_\_\_

# of Dogs \_\_\_\_\_

# of Other \_\_\_\_\_

**LIVESTOCK / POULTRY -- SPECIES & LOCATIONS**



\_\_\_\_\_



**OWNER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**EMERG. CONTACT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PET(S) INSIDE**

**DO NOT**

**OPEN DOOR**

**PET(S) NAME(S) & INFO:**

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# Pet Description & Care Information For Boarding, Shelters & Caregivers



## PET INFORMATION

Pet name \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Microchip # \_\_\_\_\_

## OWNER INFORMATION

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Your address \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate phone # 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone # 2 \_\_\_\_\_

## FOOD AND MEDICATIONS

Type of food \_\_\_\_\_  Wet  Dry Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency \_\_\_\_\_

Name of medication \_\_\_\_\_ Instructions \_\_\_\_\_

Name of medication \_\_\_\_\_ Instructions \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

Veterinarian name \_\_\_\_\_ Veterinarian phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last rabies vaccine \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies certificate # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last bordetella vaccine \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last distemper/parvo vaccine \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last Heartworm test and result (dogs) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last FeLV/FIV test and result (cats) \_\_\_\_\_

Current medical conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Behavior concerns \_\_\_\_\_



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**Use this page for additional pet information.**



# FIRE WEATHER BARN ROUTINE

Prep on Fire Weather **WATCH** days.  
Turn Prep into Action at start of Fire Weather **WARNING**  
and **RED FLAG** periods.



Visit Cal Fire's "Ready, Set, Go!" web site or your local FireSafe Council or Firewise Community site for defensible space and property access guidance.

Your home, barn, property, and vehicles should be wildfire-ready before a Fire Weather alert is issued.

This checklist is focused on your equine, large animal and pet preparations. Confine animals where they can be caught quickly.

- Stage halters, lead ropes, leashes, crates and carriers for quick access.
- Make sure all animals have visible ID.
- Fuel up vehicles.
- Remove bedding from trailers.
- Review loading priorities.
- Prep trailer ties.
- Load truck copy of your AEP, including animal care sheets and current vax & health records, (including Coggins, if needed).
- Load Go-Bags and First-Aid kits for people & animals.
- Load feed, water, equipment.
- Load your Personal Protection Equipment (PPE).
- Stage transport rigs for a quick exit, and turn around without having to back up.
- Check in with your helpers and destinations.
- Confirm reservations.
- Review travel routes with all helpers & haulers.
- Transport all top-priority animals during daylight and allow time to return rigs to barn before dark.



## RED FLAG SHELTER-in-PLACE PREP

If your Evacuation Plan includes sheltering some animals in place, complete all preparations BEFORE Fire Weather WARNING or RED FLAG begins. More info on HALTERproject.com

## SHELTER-in-PLACE CHECKLIST

- Have animal refuge areas prepared in advance.
- Leave extra halters & ropes stored in fire-resistant containers for every equine.
- Store feed in secure fire-resistant container 50' (min.) away from animals.
- Remove halters, masks, wraps, sheets. Check for loose shoes.
- Braid or trim tails up to hock length. Trim fletlock feathers.
- Increase humidity in refuge area.
- Add water troughs. Top them all off.
- Secure troughs so they cannot tip over.
- Leave gates closed and unlocked.
- Turn all animals out, but not loose in close proximity to roads.
- Close barn & shed doors.
- Deactivate electric gates & fences.
- Notify Animal Services of animals on site.

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- Confine animals where they can be caught quickly.
- Stage halters, lead ropes, leashes, crates and carriers for quick access.
- Make sure all animals have visible ID.
- Fuel up vehicles
- Remove bedding from trailers.
- Review loading priorities.
- Prep trailer ties.
- Load truck copy of your AEP, including animal care sheets and current vax and health records (including Coggins, if needed).
- Load Go-Bags and First-Aid kits for people & animals.
- Load feed, water, equipment.
- Load your Personal Protection Equipment (PPE).
- Stage transport rigs so they are facing out or can turn around without backing.
- Check in with your helpers and destinations.
- Confirm reservations.
- Review travel routes with all helpers & haulers.
- Transport all top-priority animals during daylight and allow time to return rigs to barn before dark.

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### **FIRE WEATHER RED FLAG ROUTINE SIP CHECKLIST**

- Have animal refuge areas prepared.
- Leave extra halters & ropes for every equine in fire-resistant container.
- Store feed in secure fire-resistant containers 50' (minimum) away from animals.
- Remove halters, masks, wraps, sheets
- Braid or trim tails up to hock length.
- Trim fetlock feathers
- Check for loose shoes
- Increase humidity in refuge area.
- Add water troughs, top off all.
- Secure troughs so they cannot tip over.
- Leave gates closed and unlocked.
- Turn all animals out, but never loose in close proximity to roads.
- Close barn and shed doors.
- Deactivate electric gates and fences.
- Notify Animal Services of animals on site.

# Animal Emergency Contacts

- Animal Emergency Shelter locations and other information will be provided in Emergency Services alerts and official Agency posts.
- 2-1-1 may have Shelter and other resource information, and Call Takers who can translate in your language.

My Animal "Buddy" Contacts \_\_\_\_\_

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## LOCAL ANIMAL SERVICES

- Santa Clara County Animal Services: 408-686-3900
- San Jose Animal Care & Services: 408-794-7297
- Santa Cruz County Animal Control: 831-471-1182
- San Mateo County AC / Peninsula Humane Society: 650-340-7022
- Palo Alto Animal Shelter: 650-496-5971
- Palo Alto Police 24-Hour Dispatch: 650-329-2413
- Humane Society Silicon Valley: 408-262-2133

## LARGE ANIMAL ASSISTANCE

- Santa Cruz County Equine Evac Unit: 831-708-8998  
Call 911 in an emergency
- San Mateo Large Animal Evac Group: [smclaeg.org](http://smclaeg.org)  
Call 911 in an emergency

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**Animal Services can help animals sheltered in place.  
However, Owner/Caregiver must call  
to request assistance.**