

# All-Geo



## ANIMAL DISASTER ACTION PLANNER



NAME:

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EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

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

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



### HALTER Project

ANIMAL DISASTER  
PREPAREDNESS + RESPONSE

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ANIMAL  
READY-KIT  
CHECKLISTS

BARN & RANCH  
SAFETY PACKET

PET PREP  
for SENIOR  
& CAREGIVER

EMERG. PREP  
& PLANNING  
for ANIMAL  
TRAVELERS



# 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**  
• Give a copy to all who care for your pet.  
• Put a copy where helpers, responders, or pet-sitters can find it.  
• Give a copy to all who might care for your pet if you're not able to.

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

**Medical Information**  
Veterinarian's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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 pets. Identify 2 businesses that accept pets in your area for short-term emergencies and 2 long-term and boarding options. Long-term options must include boarding facilities, veterinarian, and animal shelters.

**Boarding Options:**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Update your Animal Emergency Plan, Veterinary Care, and emergency response notes a year.

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**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.

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

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/interment disposed of with me, as mine.  
☐ Placed with family or friends, as listed below.  
☐ Each person named has a copy of this document.

**Veterinarian Information**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Pet Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# ANIMAL EVACUATION PREP TIP SHEET

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Use information provided in Emergency Alerts

ANIMAL CONTROL \_\_\_\_\_

CART / ANIMAL EVAC TEAM \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY ANIMAL SHELTER \_\_\_\_\_

## PLANNING FOR EVAC

**Plan and Prepare year-round!**

- Be **READY** when weather watches are issued.
- **GO** when you receive a Weather Warning, Red Flag, or other severe weather alerts.
- **Do not wait for Evacuation Warnings or Orders.**

## 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.
- Disable electric gates & garage doors.

## GET CRITICAL INFORMATION

- Sign up for ALL local emergency alerts.
- Have a transistor or weather radio.
- Listen to local TV and news radio.
- Keep devices charged and extra batteries.

## HELPFUL APPS

Apps are good backups to local alerts.

- FEMA
- NOAA
- Watch Duty
- USGS Earthquake Pro

## YOUR ANIMAL EVAC RESOURCE NETWORK

- Develop your own personal network of animal helpers and evacuation locations.
- Practice with the animals and the helpers in daytime, night time, and all kinds of weather.
- Practice loading equines and livestock in a variety of trailers.

## LOAD & GO BASICS

- Fuel and stage vehicles facing out.
- Emergency contacts, vet records, animal ID with photos, microchip information.
- Your Ready-kits for animals & you, tools, first aid, meds, prescriptions, cash, toys & comfort items.
- Advance Care Directive
- Enough food, water, meds for min. of 14 days
- Halters, ropes, collars, harnesses, leashes
- Carriers, cages, bedding, animal-safe cleaning supplies.

## MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

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

- Pet-friendly motels, AirBnBs, friends.
- Equine-friendly campgrounds and other alternatives to shelters.
- Have paper maps highlighting destinations and route options.
- Prevent evac escapes! Make sure pets are secure in vehicles and destinations.

## 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

## Evacuate or Shelter-in-Place? How to Prepare

### What's Plan A?

Evacuate

Plan B?

Plan C?

Shelter in Place

What are the risks for each hazard?  
What do you need?  
What resources are available?

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

## 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

# 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

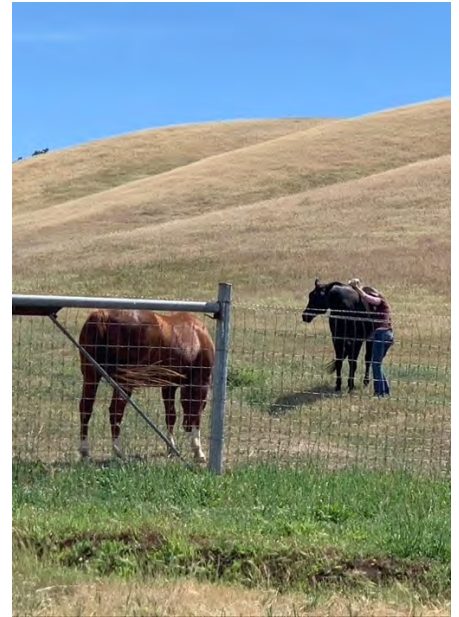
- First aid for animals & people
- Reflector signs & vests
- Work gloves
- Flashlights, headlamps, flashing lantern
- Thick cotton rope (2 x 20')



**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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# 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.



# 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 at HALTER Project.org

### SHELTER-in-PLACE 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.



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_



● 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:

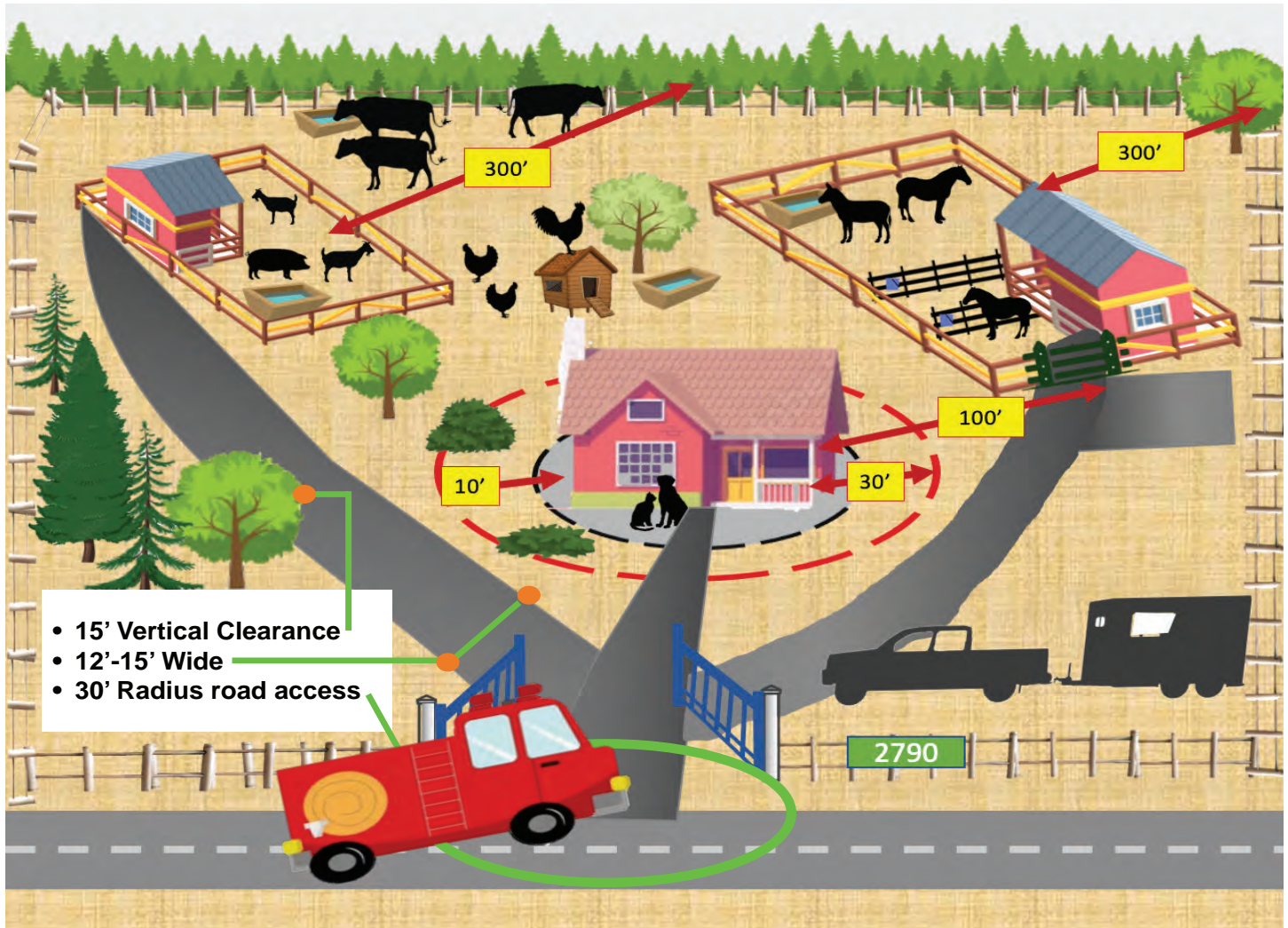


Electric Vehicle & Charger



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.**

## 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.

## Pet ID & Reunification

If you and your pet are separated, good ID, photos, and records will help you reconnect faster and more safely.

Microchipping is the BEST way to help you and your pets reconnect. Report your missing pet to local Animal Services and/or Helpline. Post missing pet info on agency, social media, and local neighborhood social media.

- ✓ Have multiple forms of identification -- and keep them all updated!
- ✓ Collar or harness with pet name and your contact info
- ✓ Vet records, registrations
- ✓ Personal & emergency contacts
- ✓ Photos of you with your animals
- ✓ Videos - vocals are helpful
- ✓ Advance Medical Directive for your pets: What to do and approved expenses
- ✓ Post a sign on window with info about animals inside



## Pet Supplies, Go-Kits & Stay-Crates

Supplies and Ready-Kits should be easy to grab and go. Keep them where they are safe and accessible in an extended emergency.

- ✓ Refresh food & medications regularly
- ✓ WATER, FOOD, PARASITE CONTROL, MEDS
  - \* 7-14 Days if evacuating
  - \* 30 Days, if possible, if sheltering in place
  - \* Water purification products

### ✓ PET-SAFE CLEANING PRODUCTS

- \* Use unscented when possible.
- \* If 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 & folding wire cage
- ✓ Vet records, prescriptions and dosage
- ✓ First aid kit, grooming supplies, baby wipes
- ✓ Saline solution or wipes to clean eyes, face, mouth, paws, minor wounds
- ✓ Travel bowls, can opener, fork, plastic lid
- ✓ Cooling pads, ice packs
- ✓ Lightweight blanket, sheet or towel to give pets privacy, security, warmth in crates
- ✓ Kennel pads, poop bags, diapers
- ✓ Newspapers, disposable litter pans & litter
- ✓ Trash bags, rubber gloves, sanitizer
- ✓ Sheets & towels for pet privacy & bedding
- ✓ Calming aids, Thunder Shirts
- ✓ Large pillow case (Makes good temporary carrier for cats, birds, reptiles)
- ✓ Flashlight, charger, radio, batteries
- ✓ Your PPE, cash, glasses, meds



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

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

## Documents

- ✓ Copy of your Emergency Plan, vet records, Advance Directive, Animal ID info, photos.
- ✓ Pet insurance.

## 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.



## 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.

## 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

## 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.



## 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.





## EQUINE READY-KIT

**First-aid kit with EVERYTHING**

**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 mane-tail comb**

**1 coat brush**

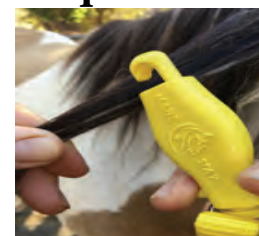
**Fly sheets in a vacuum bag**

**Hose, nozzle**



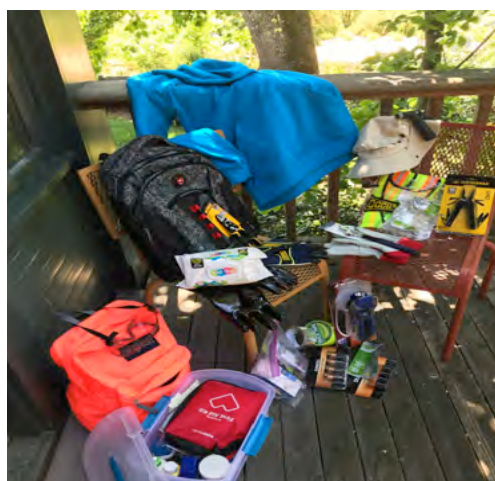
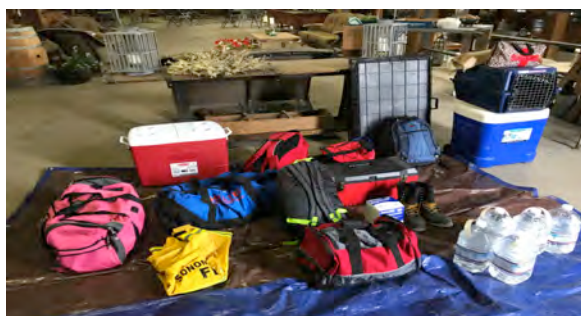
## EQUINE ID

- 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



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## **CAR AND TRUCK 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 Safety Checklist**
- ✓ **Loaded gross weight verification**
- ✓ **Fire Extinguisher**
- ✓ **Chargers (several kinds)**
- ✓ **First-aid kit**
- ✓ **Generator and fuel**
- ✓ **Chain & hand saws**
- ✓ **Bolt & wire cutters**
- ✓ **Reflective Duct Tape**
- ✓ **Safety Cones**
- ✓ **Wheel chocks, jack, crowbar**
- ✓ **Jumper cables**
- ✓ **Whistles & flares**
- ✓ **Headlamps, lanterns**
- ✓ **Safety vests**
- ✓ **Flashlights & batteries**
- ✓ **Solar charger**
- ✓ **Small toolkit, knife, scissors**



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

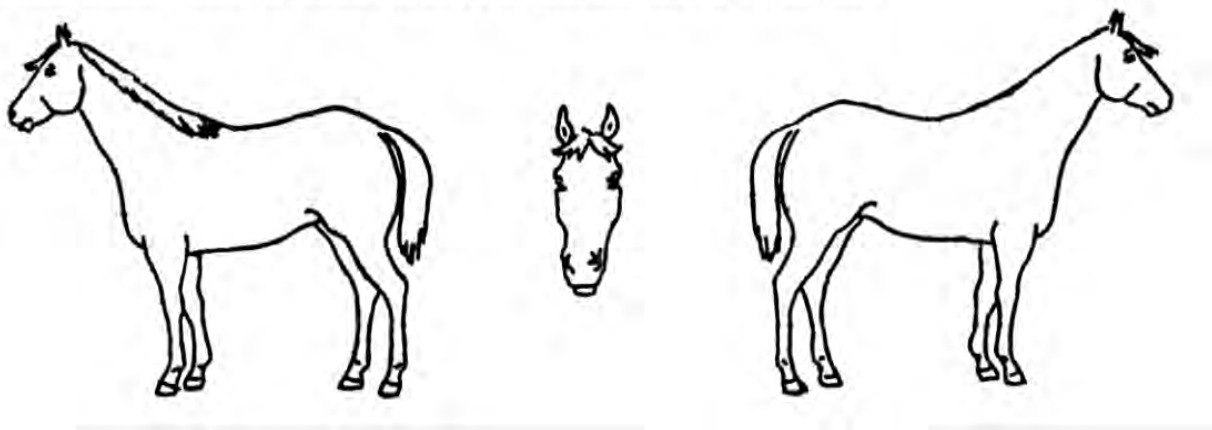
**ANIMAL INSURANCE INFO – Policy Number**

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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.



# IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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

ANIMAL  
CONTROL

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

**HALTER**  
**Project**

LEADING RESIDENTS TO  
SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS

[HALTERproject.org](http://HALTERproject.org)



# \_\_\_\_\_ 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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# **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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*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.

**HALTER**  
**Project**  
[www.HALTERproject.org](http://www.HALTERproject.org)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

## **Preparedness Resources for People, Pets, Equines & Backyard Livestock**

**Be PERSONALLY Prepared:** If you are not safe you can't keep your animals and others safe. Here are resources to help you. Always start with your local Emergency Services to sign up for local alerts and be aware of other critical information and preparedness resources in your county, state, or province.

### **For PEOPLE**

- [American Red Cross - Make A Plan in 3 Steps](#)
- [CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [Ready.gov](#)

### **For ANIMALS**

#### **GLOBAL**

- [Animal in the Wildland Urban Interface Guide \(HALTER Project\)](#)
- [Flood & Mud Disaster Prep for Equine & Livestock – HALTER Project](#)
- [CVET Large Animal Care and Feeding Guide 2024](#)
- [Wildfire, Smoke, and Animals – AVMA](#)
- [First Aid Tips for Pet Owners – AVMA](#)
- [Emergency Contact Cards for Pets & Livestock \(English & Español\)](#)
- [Barn Safety Checklist - NFPA](#)
- [Calpaca.org](#)
- [Donkey Welfare Symposium](#)
- [Horses for Clean Water](#)
- [Caring for Livestock During a Disaster – Colorado State Univ.](#)
- [Wildfire Preparedness for Horse Owners – Colorado State Univ.](#)
- [Backyard Poultry - UCANR](#)



# 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.
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## 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.  
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- ☒ Trim fetlock feathers.
- ☒ Check for loose shoes.
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- ☒ Add water troughs, top off all.
- ☒ Secure troughs so they cannot tip over.
- ☒ Leave gates closed and unlocked.
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- ☒ Close barn and shed doors.
- ☒ Deactivate electric gates and fences.
- ☒ Notify Animal Services of animals on site.



## **WILDFIRE-READY BARN CHECKLIST**

This guide is intended to be an overview of good preparedness practices for all types of places where equines and large companion animals live. It is for boarding stables, riding schools, rescues and sanctuaries, camps, gated equestrian communities, and the owners, staff and boarders, as well as those who keep equines and other large animals at home.

For detailed checklists, refer to the HALTER Project  
Barn & Ranch Safety Workbook  
[halterproject.org/packets](http://halterproject.org/packets)

And be sure to sign up for all local emergency alerts, and get evacuation zone information for your area, by visiting your local Emergency Services website, Sheriff's office, or Fire Marshal's office.

## **LEVELS OF READINESS & ACTION ITEMS**

### **YEAR-ROUND READINESS**

#### **Planning**

- Make sure everyone is signed up for local alerts.
- Make sure everyone knows all their relevant Evac zones.
- Update all Emergency & Disaster Action Plans
- Review and strengthen evacuation and SIP plans for all types of incidents.
- Schedule regular safety meetings and trainings.
- Schedule mandatory Evac drill with all staff, boarders, and haulers.
- Schedule a risk-assessment visit with local fire agency, FireSafe or Firewise organization.
- Start a Firewise or FireSafe Barn group.

## **Vehicles**

- Schedule regular inspections for all tow vehicles & trailers.
- Schedule trailer skill days to practice hookups, backing, door, gate and partition familiarity, tie procedures.

## **Supplies, Tools, Equipment**

- Make & Refresh Ready Kits
- Inspect tools, supplies, first-aid kits
- Check & restock PPE for all staff & volunteers

## **Practice and Drill**

- Execute yearly Evac drill.
- Practice animal loading.
- Drive Evac routes.
- Visit potential Evac destinations.
- Buildup hauling and destination resources.
- Practice using your FMR or GMRS radios.

## **Barn and Property**

Maintain clean, defensible spaces and buildings.

- Maintain barns, pens, fences, gates, water & utilities.
- Fire extinguishers inspected yearly.
- Check smoke alarms, NOAA emergency radios, and security cameras.
- Inspect all types of batteries & storage.

## **FIRE WEATHER CHECKLIST**

### **On Fire Watch and Warning Days**

- Prep & Implement your Fire Weather Watch Routine!
- Keep phones charged.
- Stay alert and aware of weather conditions.
- Prep, Check, Pack, Fuel up trailer and tow vehicle

### **Tools, work lights, equipment and supplies**

- Halters, ropes
- Pet crates & supplies
- Ready kits
- First Aid kits
- PPE
- Loading – practice!
- Check in with team & destinations.
- Prep rig loading area. Rigs can enter, turn around, and exit without backing up.

### **Barns, Pens, Pastures**

- Hazard hunt
- Check access points
- Clear rig staging & turnarounds
- Clean up
- Generator check and fuel
- Power tool check, oil
- Ladders, shovels, extinguishers, hoses & nozzles

## **RED FLAG – FAST ACTION NEEDED**

- Ready to Go!
- Move difficult and vulnerable animals first.
- Stage all haul rigs for easy loading and exit
- Confirm destinations
- Prep animals
- Confirm haul teams are ready
- Top off troughs
- Increase humidity around barns

## **RISK LEVELS**

**Get READY to go if barn location has good access**, multiple Evac route options, is defensible, and has transport capacity on-site and staged nearby for all animals.

- Stage all onsite transport
- Load all critical supplies
- Prep animals
- Confirm with destinations
- Confirm team readiness
- Keep all devices charged
- Stay informed
- Be ready to evacuate all remaining equines, companion livestock, pets, and people quickly

**Go NOW if barn location has poor access**, 1-way in/out, lacks onsite and nearby transport capacity for all animals. Lacks area for loading, turning and exiting without backing up.

- Evacuate all fragile animals now!

- Reduce animal population onsite to the number that can be transported by onsite vehicles and drivers.
- Be ready to evacuate all remaining animals and people immediately if a fire starts in surrounding area.
- Prepare property for emergency SIP of animals who cannot be evacuated.

## **EVACUATION ALERTS**

Mean Immediate Action is Needed.

### **Evacuation WARNING**

- Evacuate all animals and people immediately.
- Contact local Animal Services or Sheriff dispatch if you have incoming large and/or multiple transport rigs or need animal transport assistance.
- Make final preparations for any animals sheltering in place.

### **Evacuation ORDER**

- Notify Animal Services or Sheriff dispatch if you need animal transport assistance.
- There will be no access for unauthorized vehicles into the evacuation zones.
- Leave an Evacuation Tag or note in a Ziploc bag in visible location to let Emergency Services personnel know that all humans and animals are evacuated.
- Notify animal services if there are animals and/or people sheltering in place.

# Fire Weather Barn Quick Tips

## EVAC PLANNING: ASSESS the RISKS

- Can old or crippled animals be loaded and transported safely?
- How long will it take to load?
- How many rigs and helpers will you need?
- Do you have a plan for sick animals?



## Evac Prep to Load and Go

- Contain animals so they're easy to catch and load
- Supplies, equipment, go-kits are loaded
- Rigs are inspected, fueled and staged facing out
- Trailer prepped
  - ✓ Clean, No bedding!
  - ✓ Windows closed



Remember  
Your PPE!

## Large Animal Evac Prep Are They Ready?

- Will they load?
- Are your helpers ready?
- ID on all
- Good halters & lead ropes for all, plus, extras



## How Safe Is Your Property?

- Is your infrastructure **All-Hazards** safe?
- Will it be accessible **after** a fire or earthquake?
- If **water** is power-dependent, is there a backup source?
- Water tanks and pump secure?
  - Can Responders find and get into your property?



Hazard trees!

## Your Animal Refuge Area

- Is it defensible?
- Irrigated or drylot pasture?
- How far from radiant heat sources (heavy brush or timber, big barns, etc.)?
- Secure, firesafe fencing?
- Away from busy roads?



## Shelter-in-Place Risks

- Animals may be without care or clean water for several days.
- Animals might get loose if fences are down.
- Possible exposure to fire retardant or water air drops.
- Exposure to ember cast, smoke, heat, toxins.



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## Site Prep for SIP

- Remove "stuff" around home and animal areas.
- Increase water storage -- add tanks, troughs.
- Secure troughs so they can't tip.
- Locate hay and bedding away from animals.
- Increase humidity in critical areas.



## Animal Prep for Shelter-in-Place

- Add visible IDs.
- Remove masks, halters, blankets, wraps.
- Turn animals out but not loose.
- Close doors to barns and sheds.
- Gates secure but not locked.
- Hose down animals.
- Braid manes, prevent tails from dragging.
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