WHO WE ARE

The Central California Animal Disaster Team (CCADT) is a volunteer organization that assists emergency response agencies and Red Cross Central CA with displaced animals during emergencies and/or disasters.

The CCADT deploys to disasters in Fresno, Kings, Madera, Tulare, Merced and Mariposa counties.*

If you are interested in becoming a CCADT volunteer, visit our website at CCADT.org and click on the “Volunteer Info” page.

PLEASE DONATE!

The CCADT is a 501(c) public benefit charity that relies on donations to fund animal evacuation equipment, emergency shelter supplies, and general operating expenses. Donations are tax-deductible. Please consult with your tax advisor as to your individual tax situation.

For more information on how to donate to the CCADT, visit CCADT.org/donate.

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*The CCADT does not provide public services that are the responsibility of city or county animal control agencies (i.e. pick-up of stray, injured, neglected, dangerous or deceased animals.) CCADT deploys ONLY upon request by emergency response agencies during disasters.
BE PREPARED

Plan Ahead
Natural and man-made disasters do not give us much time to act. It is imperative to have a disaster plan in place for equine due to their size and the requirements needed to safely transport and shelter them.

Identification
- Photograph you and your horse(s) together
- Permanent ID (microchips, tattoos, brands)
- Temporary ID: halter tags, braid an ID tag into mane, use livestock markers to write contact information on side of horse, and/or neck bands.

Medical Records
Keep medical histories, provide special dosing and dietary requirements, and have contact information for your veterinarian in your emergency kit.

EVACUATION

When disaster strikes, a quick decision may need to be made to evacuate or to shelter-in-place. If you are transporting your horse to an evacuation site, it is important that you LEAVE EARLY. If multiple trips are required to transport all of your horses, you may encounter emergency road closures that can prohibit returning to your home and forcing you to leave some of your horses behind.

- Develop an evacuation plan; know different routes to take in case there is a road closure.
- Establish a network of equine transportation resources if you need additional trailers.
- Locate potential evacuation sites outside of your immediate area.
- Listen to the Emergency Alert System (EAS) on the TV or radio.
- Post your emergency contact information at your stable/barn.

TRANSPORTATION

Make sure your horse is trained to load onto a trailer. Under stressful situations, it may be challenging and take more time to get them loaded. Keep vehicles and trailers well-maintained, have a full tank of gas and the proper size hitch and ball (if bumper pull trailer). In addition, have a driver who is qualified to pull and back up a trailer quickly and safely.

EQUINE EMERGENCY KIT

If you have evacuated with your horse, you may not be able to return home in a timely manner. Be sure you have an emergency evacuation kit. Items to include:

- 7-10 day supply of water and feed
- Food & water bins / buckets
- First-aid kit with instruction manual
- Halter (cotton) and leads
- Rope or lariat
- Grooming brushes
- Hoof knife/ nippers/ pick/ rasp
- Leg wraps

For more information on emergency kits, visit CCADT.ORG

AFTER THE DISASTER

- If your horse was sheltered-in-place, examine for injuries or signs of illness.
- Check pastures for sharp objects or debris that could injury your horse
- Beware of local wildlife that may have entered your property and could present a danger to your horse
- If another person’s horse is on your property, isolate it from your horse until it can be returned to the owner.
- If you have lost a horse, contact your local animal control agency, veterinarian, surrounding farms, humane societies, etc.
- Check with your veterinarian about potential disease outbreaks.

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