



Family Emergency Preparedness Plan

(FOR FAMILIES WITH PETS AND OR LIVESTOCK)

“Preparation through education is less costly than learning through tragedy,” says Max Mayfield, Director of the National Hurricane Center, of the Florida State Agricultural Response Team.

It may be hours or it may be mere minutes before disaster strikes. Prepare in advance with the following plan developed by the Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation for the Colorado State Animal Response Team program and modified for use by clubs in the Arabian Horse Association to use in potential disasters (including but not limited to Fire, Flood, Tornado, Hurricane, Super Storms, Earthquakes) affecting their clubs throughout the United States and Canada.

DEVELOP CONTACT LIST

- Family Name and phone contact
- Names of all persons living in the area affected
- Family Phone Numbers
- Friends and Neighbors
- Local and out of area contacts (Phone numbers, addresses)
- Local Emergency Numbers (Sheriff/Police, Fire, Medical, Veterinarian)
- Other local important numbers

EVACUATION PLAN FOR OUR HOUSEHOLD

- Exit plan (list for each room)
- Outside meeting location
- Outbuilding/livestock plans

EVACUATION PLAN SUMMARY

- People/critical personal items such as Medications, passports
- Pets
- Livestock

SHELTER IN PLACE PLAN SUMMARY

- People/critical support resources
- Pets
- Livestock

PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES

- Red Cross for your area: _____
- US Department of Homeland Security: www.ready.gov
- Individual State/Province preparedness site: _____

DO NOT WAIT TO EVACUATE IF DISASTER IS EMINENT!



HERE ARE WISE WORDS FROM A MEMBER WHO RECENTLY WAS AFFECTED BY THE BLACK FOREST FIRE IN COLORADO:

(Thank you MaryJo Hoepner)

- ◆ Always have a bag packed with at least 3 days of clothes, medications, toiletries, etc.; one for each person in your household, and a bag with food, medications, etc. for dogs and cats.
- ◆ Have a list of horse owners in your area including their cell phones, text addresses, email addresses etc. As a community we need to keep in touch in any disaster. You cannot count on landlines to remain available. During the “Battle of Black Forest” cell phone service was spotty due to traffic. TEXTing was how we all kept in contact for days.
- ◆ Have a list of places to go; addresses, contact information, etc. Have multiple options in different directions from your property. Horses were moved to what appeared to be a safe haven. Within 4 hours due to the intensity of the fire, prevailing winds and fuel sources that place had to evacuate.
- ◆ Sign up for Reverse 911 in your area. It is not perfect but it can help. (One couple here did not pay attention to the reverse 911 warnings. They did not make it out alive.)
- ◆ Sign up for ALERTS from your local news stations to have texts sent to your phone.
- ◆ Have a plan if you CANNOT get your animals out. Get ID tags with names and numbers on them. Affix them to your halters. If you have time, spray paint your cell phone number on your horse’s side. In the “Battle of Black Forest” the fire spread so quickly and ferociously that those working in town could not get home in time to remove animals. Some did not have trailers and had to leave them behind.
- ◆ Have a list of owners: People with trailers, people who have the same values for horses as you. Make sure everyone has a plan and someone to help.
- ◆ Realize that if you help to evacuate other horses first before your own, you stand a chance of not getting yours out. (Remember the safety rule on airplanes—affix the oxygen mask to yourself first before you help someone else...)
- ◆ In the Post disaster phase, it is important to have lists of other horse owners. Find out who needs help, who needs hay, who needs long term assistance, where do they go with their animals and themselves.
- ◆ It is on your mind to keep in contact during a disaster. It is harder to remember that folks need support AFTER the disaster.
- ◆ Pack important papers—insurance papers, passports, REGISTRATION papers.
- ◆ For Arabian owners, remember there is the Horseman’s Distress Fund and the Arabian Horse Foundation that have funding for disasters.
- ◆ It would be good to get a list of attorneys who could help with needs. In one case, the folks who lost their house but not the barn were supposed to close on selling their place this week. They are looking for assistance from an attorney on how to make this all work.



EVACUATION CHECKLIST BY COLORADO STATE ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM:

(Prioritized list of items to evacuate)

- Evacuation “go kit” for 72-hour family support
- Water
- Snack foods and emergency non-perishable food
- Cooler for ice and food
- Sunscreen, first aid kit, prescription medicines, hand sanitizer
- Raincoats, coats, leather gloves, boots, hats, coveralls
- Cards, entertainment for children, books (evacuation can take a lot of waiting)
- Portable radio, NOAA radio, flashlights, extra batteries
- Long distance phone card
- Blankets or sleeping bags, cots or air mattresses
- Copy of household emergency plan
- CASH (if electricity and phone are down, credit cards may be useless)
- Camera and battery charger
- Personal items and important papers (have in handy fireproof container)
- Tax and financial records
- Real estate information
- Birth certificates, passports, social security cards
- Insurance information
- Household insurance inventory (written and/or video)
- Items of great sentimental value: pictures, keepsakes, etc.
- Easy access to show clothes and supplies, expensive to replace
- Evacuation supplies for pets
- Cat carriers/airline kennels (one per cat) Pillow cases may be used to transport cats in emergencies
- Dog crates or airline kennels (one per dog)
- Collars (with tags leashes, cat harnesses)
- Bowls (food and larger water dishes)
- Blankets or bedding
- Paper towels, spray cleaner, trash bags
- Litter box, cat litter
- Pet photos, pet records, microchip records
- Water, dry cat/dog food, canned cat/dog food
- Treats, toys and miscellaneous pet supplies
- Evacuation supplies for livestock
- Halters and lead ropes (one per animal)
- Registration, brand inspection papers, photos and medical records
- Medications, first aid kit
- Saddles, pads, bridles, hoof pick, hoof knives, rasp, brushes, rope lunge line
- Water buckets, grain pans, hay and grain as needed for 1-2 weeks
- WATER SOURCE (5-10 gallon minimum per horse per day)
- Always keep water tanks full for easy access to water if power goes out



SHELTER IN PLACE CHECKLIST, GENERAL AND PETS:

- WATER!
- Flashlights/lanterns, extra batteries
- Non-perishable foods reserves (1 week)
- Prescription medications for people and pets (1 week minimum)
- Keep cars/trucks at least 50% full of gas whenever possible; ensure gas tanks are full before major storms
- Pet food (minimum 1 week supply)
- For aquariums (battery operated air pump with extra batteries)
- Snow shovel, snow shoes, cold weather gear where appropriate
- Shelter in place checklist, livestock
- Camp stove and 2 or more gallons Coleman fuel for melting water for livestock or a generator and fuel to power a well.
- Lantern (Coleman or LED) Waterproof if possible
- Winter gear (boots, caps, coveralls, gloves)
- Maintain 1-2 weeks supply of hay at all times
- Posting of information for emergency personnel on your property
- Emergency contact information (daytime phone and other emergency contacts)
- Number of pets (and basic description)
- Number of livestock (and basic description)
- Location of animal emergency supplies
- Possibly include permission to evacuate your animals in time of emergency
- Car kit
- Water, snack food
- Gloves, boots, coveralls
- Coat, hat, rain gear
- Shovel, tool kit, fire extinguisher, tow rope, jumper cables, tire chains
- First aid kit, blanket
- Cell phone charger, marker and paper (emergency signs)

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