

Disaster Preparedness Kit

- Your veterinarian's information
- Portable radio and extra batteries
- Plastic trash barrel with a lid
- Water buckets
- Feed for 3 days (minimum)
- Animal restraint equipment
(ropes and halters)
- First Aid items
- Tarps
- Portable generators
- Flashlights
- Lime or bleach
- Leads and halters
- Wire cutters
- Sharp knife



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Emergency Contact Information

Have your emergency contact information in one easily accessible place. This information is different in every county. By filling in the information below, you will be prepared to reach the key animal disaster resources in your county.

Office of Emergency Services
County Animal Coordinator

County Animal Control

California Veterinary Medical Association
Veterinary Disaster Response Coordinator

County Agricultural Commissioner

Your Veterinarian

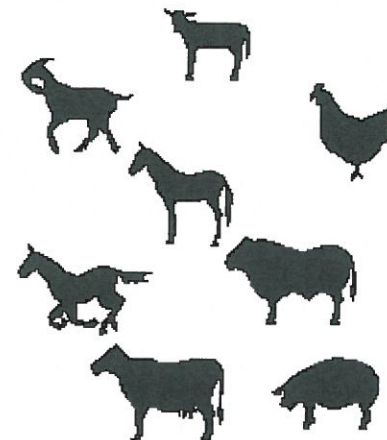
Potential Evacuation Sites

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Disaster Preparedness for Livestock Owners



Before

PLAN AHEAD. Determine the best place for animal confinement in case of a disaster. Find alternate water sources in case power is lost and pumps are not working or have a hand pump. You should have a minimum of three days feed and water on hand.

EVACUATION. Decide where to take animals if evacuation is necessary. Contact fairgrounds, other producers, and stockyards about their policies and ability to take livestock temporarily in an emergency. Have several sites in mind. Familiarize yourself with several evacuation routes to your destination.

IDENTIFICATION. This is critical! Photograph, identify, and inventory your animals. Permanent identification such as brands, tattoos, eartags, or microchips are best. Temporary identification, such as tags on halters, livestock markers, paint, and duct tape with permanent writing will also work. Include your name and phone number. Keep identification information with you to verify ownership.

MEDICAL RECORDS AND VACCINATIONS. Your animals need to have current vaccinations. Keep medical histories and record special dosing instructions and dietary requirements. Write down contact information for your veterinarian.

VEHICLES. Keep trailers and vans well-maintained, full of gas, and ready to move at all times. Be sure your animals will load. If you don't have your own vehicles, make arrangements with local haulers or neighbors before disaster strikes.

During

Listen to the Emergency Alert System (EAS) on the TV or radio.

Evacuate your livestock early, if possible, to ensure their safety and ease your stress.

Take all vaccination and medical records, the disaster preparedness kit, and enough hay, feed, and water for three days.

Call your destination to make sure space is still available.

Use roads not in use for human evacuation when you transport your animals to your sheltering site.

If you must leave your animals, leave them in the preselected area appropriate for disaster type. Leave enough hay for 48 to 72 hours. Do not rely on automatic watering systems. Power may be lost.

After

Check pastures and fences for sharp objects, debris, and downed power lines that could injure livestock. Beware of local wildlife that may have entered the area and could pose a danger to your animals.

Familiar scents and landmarks may have changed, and animals can easily become confused and lost.

If you find someone else's animal, isolate it from your animals until it is returned to its owner or examined by a veterinarian. Always use caution when approaching and handling strange or frightened horses or livestock.

If you've lost an animal, contact veterinarians, humane societies, stables, surrounding farms, and other facilities. Listen to the EAS for groups that may be accepting lost animals.

Check with your veterinarian for information about possible disease outbreaks.

Practice Your Plan!

For additional disaster preparedness information, please visit our websites.

California Department of Food and Agriculture
www.cdfa.ca.gov

California Veterinary Medical Association
www.cvma.net

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Yes, I would like to contribute to the CVMF Disaster Support Fund. Enclosed is my tax deductible donation of \$ ____.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State ____, Zip _____

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