

ARE YOU READY FOR A RANCH EMERGENCY?

“Our domestic animals are the forgotten victims of community emergencies.”

General Awareness & Planning Disasters:

- Are you familiar with your local emergency response plans?
- Do you know which disasters are most likely to affect you? (fire, flood, freeze, tornado, etc.)
- Do you have an “Emergency Evacuation Kit” (see reverse)
- Do you have posted “Barn and Farm Evacuation Plans”?
- Have you **practiced** your evacuation plans?
- Are all barn gas, electric and water main shut-off controls prominently identified? Do all members of the farm know how to use them?
- Are all facility trailers and vehicles in good working condition? (keep gas tank at least ½ full)
- Are emergency contact numbers posted in the barn?
- Do you have mutual aid agreements with neighbors to assist with evacuations and/or emergency housing?

Barn Safety for Fire – Ensure:

- All electric connections and equipment have been checked by an electrician
- Power lines and electrical cords are in rodent - proof material
- Wood is protected from direct heating by light bulbs
- A smoking ban in the barn is strictly enforced
- All open-flame devices are prohibited
- Fire extinguishers, mounted at eye-level, are in all barn areas
- A “Defensible Space” against wildfire of 100 feet has been created around all livestock structures (video at www.readyforwildfire.org).



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RANCH EMERGENCY KIT

Documentation

- Proof of ownership – microchip, brand registration
- Current photographs with owner
- Veterinary contact information
- Insurance contacts & proof of insurance

Tack

- Leather/break-away halters
- Cotton lead ropes (1 per animal plus 1 extra)

First Aid Kits for animals and people

Tools

- Flashlights & extra batteries
- Battery operated radio
- Pocket knife, hammer, wire cutters
- Tarps, shovels
- Trash bags, duct tape & twine
- Heavy gloves
- Cattle/animal marking crayon
- Portable generator & fuel

More resources:

<http://cal-cares.com/personal-family>