

# Refresher Large Animal Evacuations

ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB

ALERT 2022

# WHY PLAN FOR ANIMAL EVECUATIONS

- WHO WILL PROVIDE RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL





# Why Plan for Evacuations of Animals?

- Pets Act
- Refusal of Owner to evacuate without their animals
- Owner early return to unsafe areas
- Public health and safety risks caused by loose animals
- Economic considerations – primarily agricultural
- Control of self responders



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*How to create an  
evacuation plan for  
your horse*



# % of US Households Owning Pets

## ALL PETS

Dogs 58.9%

Cats 27.3%

Birds 4.6%

**Horses 1.5%**

Other 10.7%

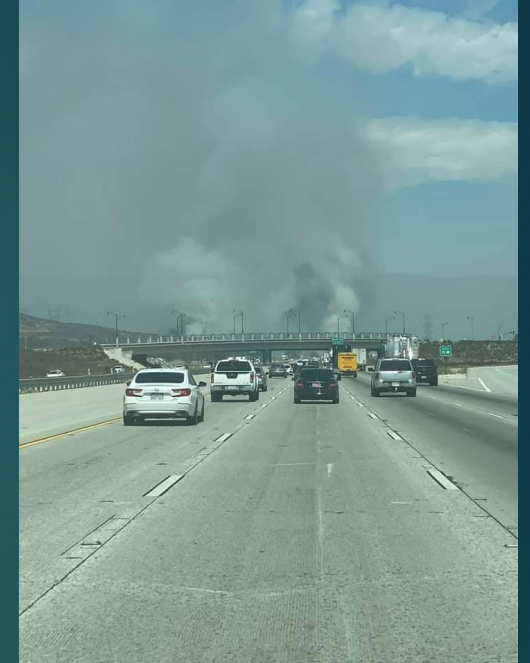
## AVG. # PETS/HOUSEHOLD

Dogs 1.69

Cats 2.19

Birds 2.74

**Horses 2.67**





# ESTIMATE OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA ANIMAL POPULATION

BASED ON 55,548 HOUSEHOLDS

Dog Households 32717

**Horses Households 1249**

Estimated Numbers of each:

Dogs = 55293

**Horses = 3337**









# PETS ACT

## The Federal Act Provides

- Pet evacuation and Transportation Standards
- Signed into law in 2006
- Authorizes FEMA to provide RESCUE care, shelter, and essential needs

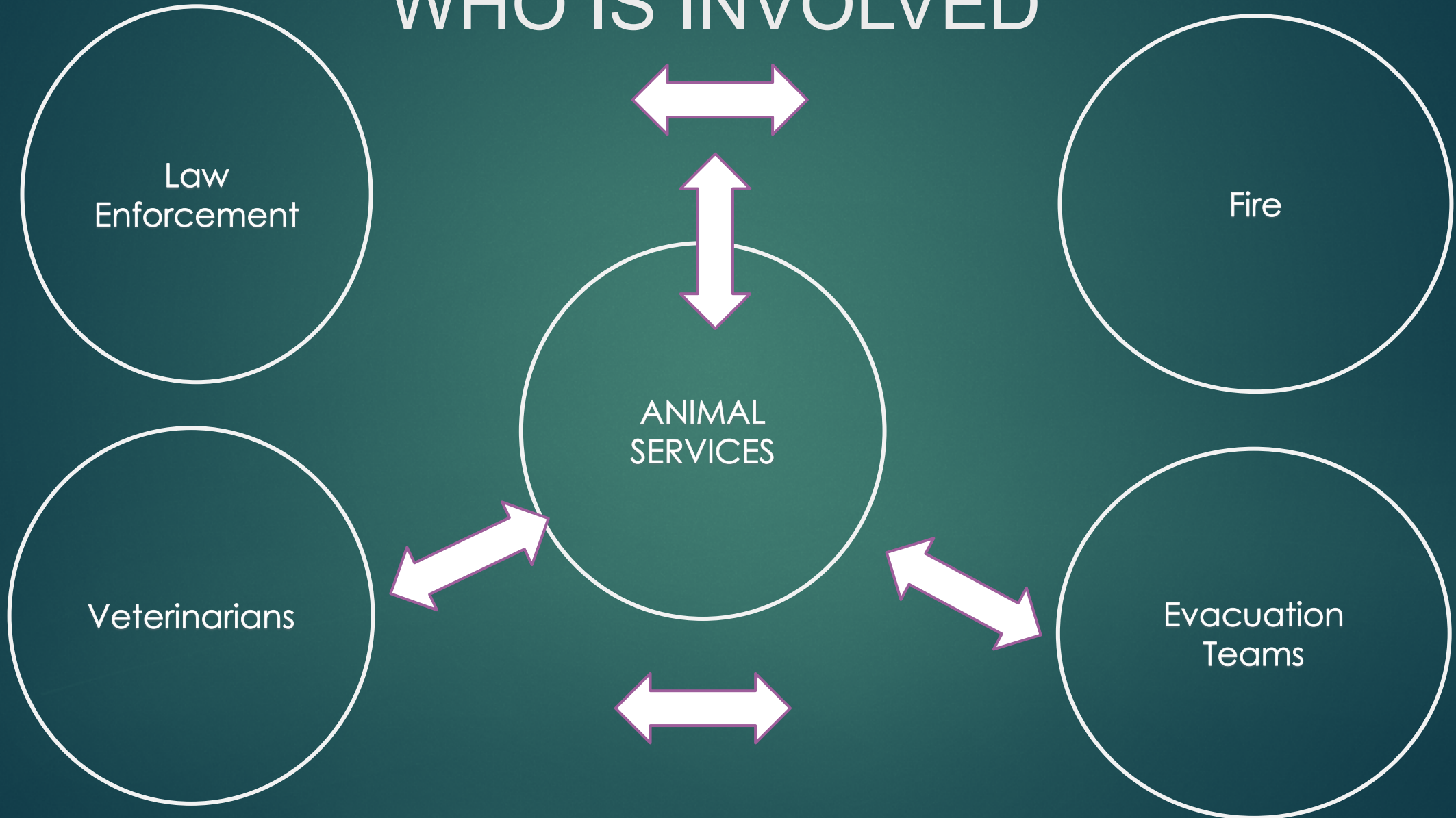
## Key Points

- **Covers** household pets and service animals Domesticated animals such as, dog, cat, bird, rabbit, rodent, or turtle
- **Does not cover**, horses, livestock, reptiles (except turtles), amphibians, and spiders

*Disaster Assistance Policy 9523.19 <http://www.fema.gov/9500> - series-policy-publications/9552319-eligible-costs-related-pet-evacuations-sheltering*

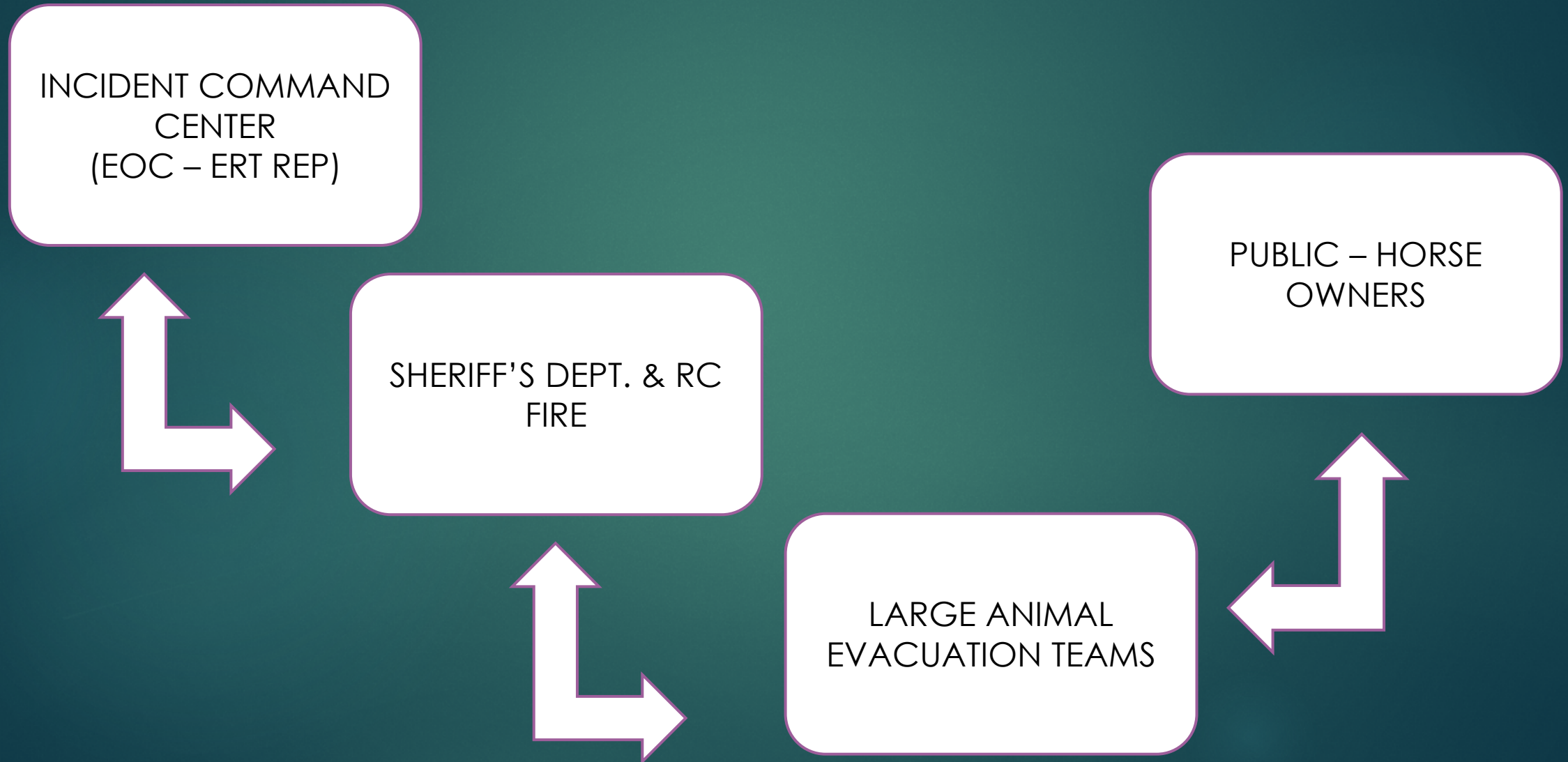


# WHO IS INVOLVED





# ACTIVATION PROCESS





# ACTIVATION COMMUNICATION OPTIONS

- **Phone Tree**
- Paging system
- **Text Alert**
- E-mail
- Voice Messaging
- 24 hour hotline (EOC)





# ACTIVATION STEPS AT ERT LEVELS

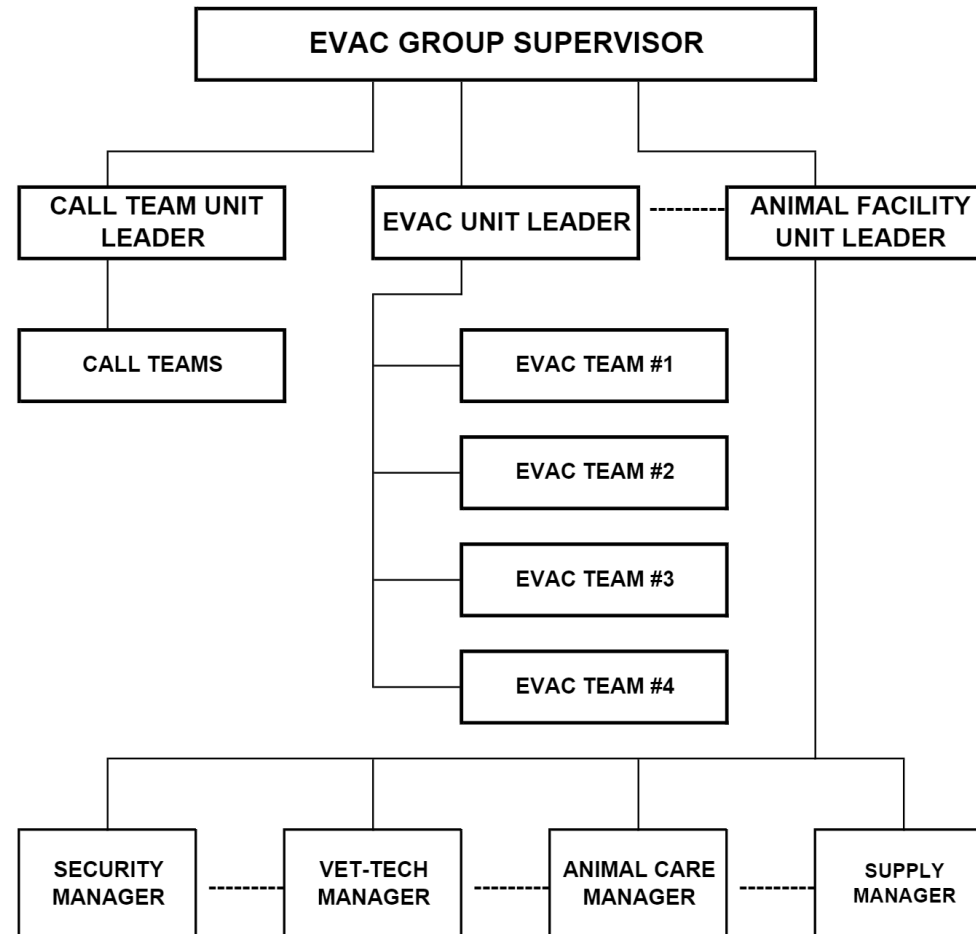
- ACTIVATE TEAM MEMBERS BY PHONE AND TEXT
- IDENTIFY STAGING OR ASSEMBLY AREA LOCATION
- FORM EVAC. TEAMS AS VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE







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EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM  
ANIMAL EVAC  
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



----- = COMMUNICATIONS PATH

## SIGN IN & EVACUATION FORMATIONS

- Sign in, issue equipment, and Team #.
- Vehicle Inspection.
- Dispatch and communication



### ALRC/ALERT TRAILER/TOW VEHICLE INSPECTION FORM

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Evac. Team / Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Axles: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: (Circle One) **Goose Neck** / **Bumper Pull** / **Other**

Purpose of Trailer: (Circle One) **DHV** / **Horse** / **Other**

Trailer License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Tow Vehicle Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Tow Vehicle License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer			Tow Vehicle		
Check List	Pass	Fail	Check List	Pass	Fail
Current Registration			Current Registration		
Valid Insurance			Valid Insurance		
Tires			Tires		
Lights			Head Lights		
Left Signal			Turn Signals		
Right Signal			Tail Lights		
Brake Lights			Brake Lights		
Tail Lights			General Condition		
Running Lights			Spare Tire w/ Jack		
General Condition			Emergency Brake		
Spare Tire w/ Jack			Tow Hitch		
Electric Brakes			Tires		
Tow Hitch			Windows		

Comments: (List any noticeable damage or defects)

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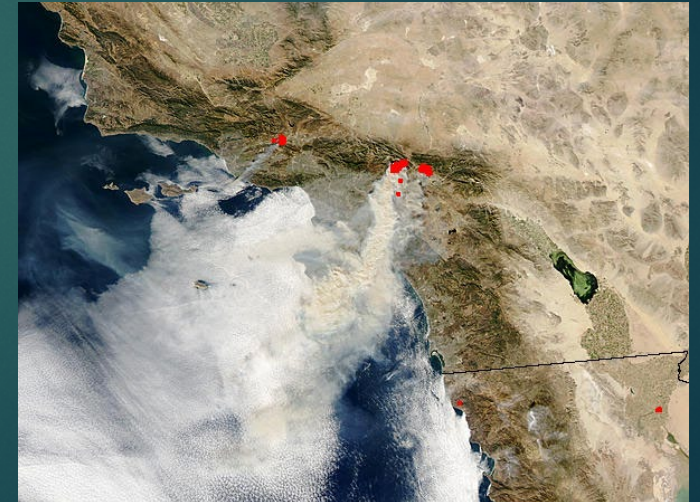
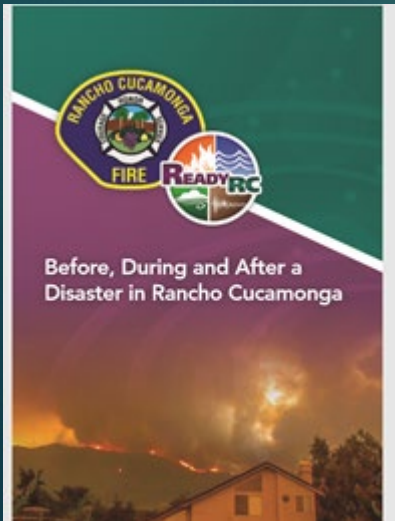
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Inspected by: \_\_\_\_\_ ALERT Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Required Routing: ☐ Coordinator File ☐ ALERT Member File ☐ Membership Report Updated



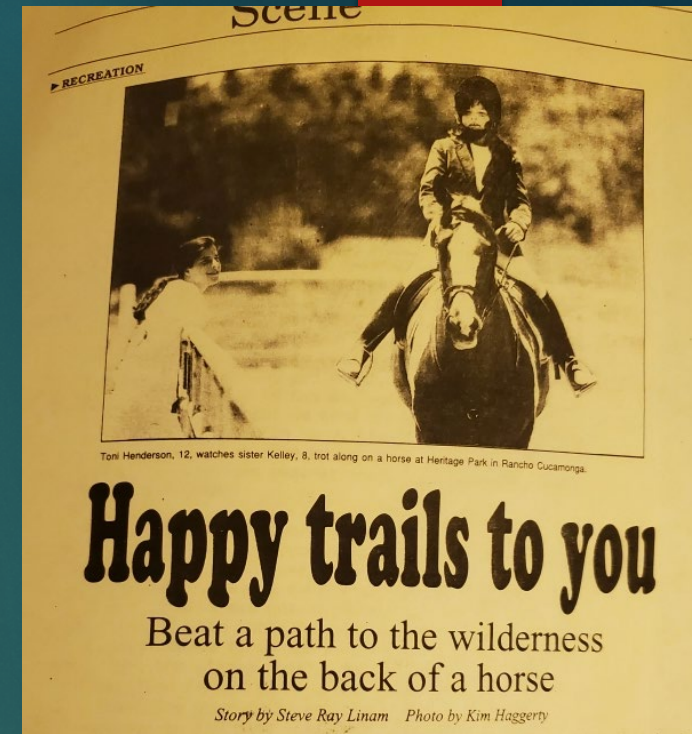
# Public safety interaction with large animal evacuation teams





# POTENTIAL RESPONSES

- EOC Initiated request or dispatch
- Outside Request – communicate with EOC
- Evacuation categories may be mandatory, voluntary recommended, or individual requested.





# CONVERGENT VOLUNTEERS



- Who are they?  
Community volunteers – may have no affiliation with a Team.  
Expect large numbers to show up to help – Good intentions
- Prevent “Free – lancing” by directing them to an appropriate person
- What to do with them? They may be a very valuable resource. They may bring needed resources, trucks, veterinarians, equipment, supplies and skills



# STRESS MANAGEMENT

- Expect it!
- Manage it
- Follow up
- Consider contacting EOC for support in this area



## Vet/ Emergency #'s:

Dr. Ron Lenhert	760-247-4226
Dr. Wayne Marteney	661-947-6068 mobile
Dr. Tom Hoyme	909-627-2816
Dr. Marc Laxineta	951-676-6222
Dr. Jacob Johnson	760-247-4024 mobile
Dr. Dennis Loveless	760-868-2418 mobile
Dr. Margo Machen	909-982-4442
Dr. David Bylerly	661-992-4343

## Equine Hospitals:

Apple Valley Equine Hospital	760-247-4226
Chino Valley Equine Hospital	909-628-5545
San Luis Rey Hospital	760-726-4566
Norco Equine Hospital	951-734-0084

## Vet's (Goats/ Cows/ Llamas):

Dr. Ann Ikelman	909-597-0599
Dr. Mirona Petrus	714-458-3881

## Equine Haulers:

John Buchanan	714-404-4582
Neila Swaynie	760-953-0611
Jennifer Fenstermaker	760-559-0742



# EQUINE BEHAVIOR



- Regardless of the type of disaster horses will respond in a similar manner – shy, run away, kick, run over you, bite, rear, strike, etc...
- The basics of safe approaching, catching and handling must be adhered to
- There are two types of horses – those that have kicked and those that will kick



# EQUINE BEHAVIOR

## KEY POINTS



- How do you decide if a horse is relatively safe to approach? **Look at the ears, forward is good, back is a concern.**
- What is the safest zone of approach for a standing horse? **Toward their left shoulder**
- What is the most DANGEROUS zone of approach? **Toward their rear end**
- How should you approach a horse? Few people, speak softly, approach slowly
- Stress increases difficulty and danger of moving them. Separation from herd should be avoided. Moving stall mates together should be the preferred procedure.



# EVACUATION OPTIONS

1. Move – direct or indirect movement, evacuation teams with appropriate trailers, lead them out, or ride them out
2. Shelter in place – When no time to move them, chance of survival is good given numbers of horses are too great and not enough resources





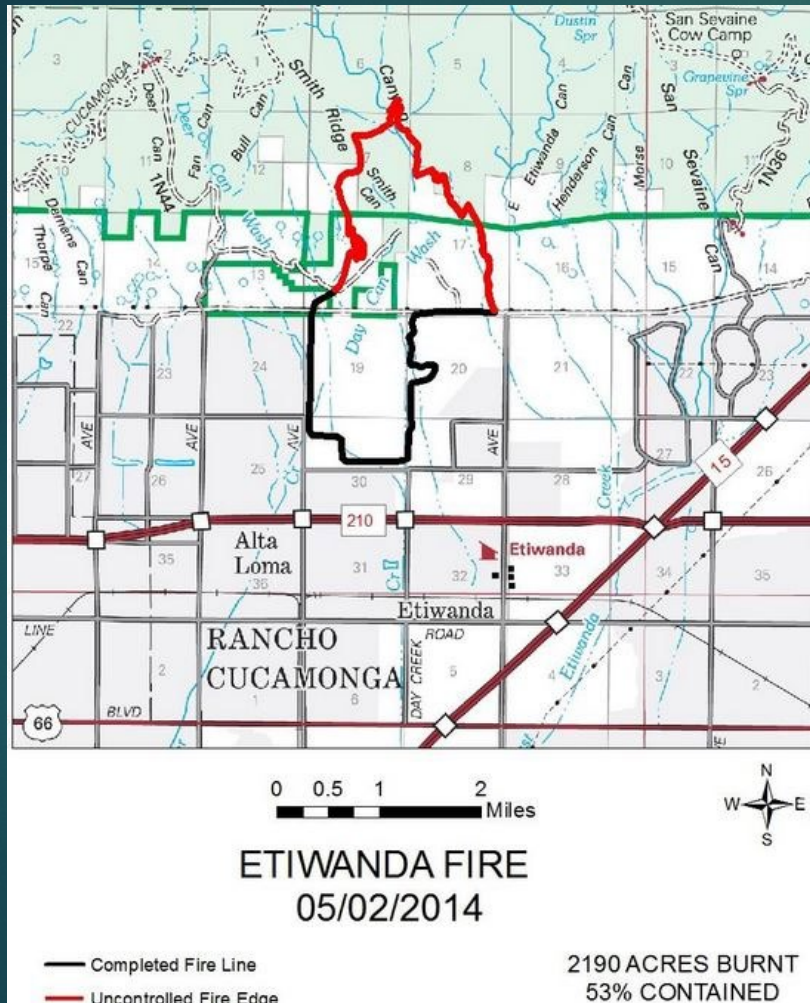
# EVACUATION OF HORSES FIRE

## HOW DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ARE?

- Owner request
- Local Knowledge
- Survey of area

## IDENTIFICATION – DOCUMENTATION

- Photographic with address
- Plastic neck collars
- Spray Paint
- Paper ID Form
- Giant Grease Pencils







# ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM HORSE IDENTIFICATION FORM

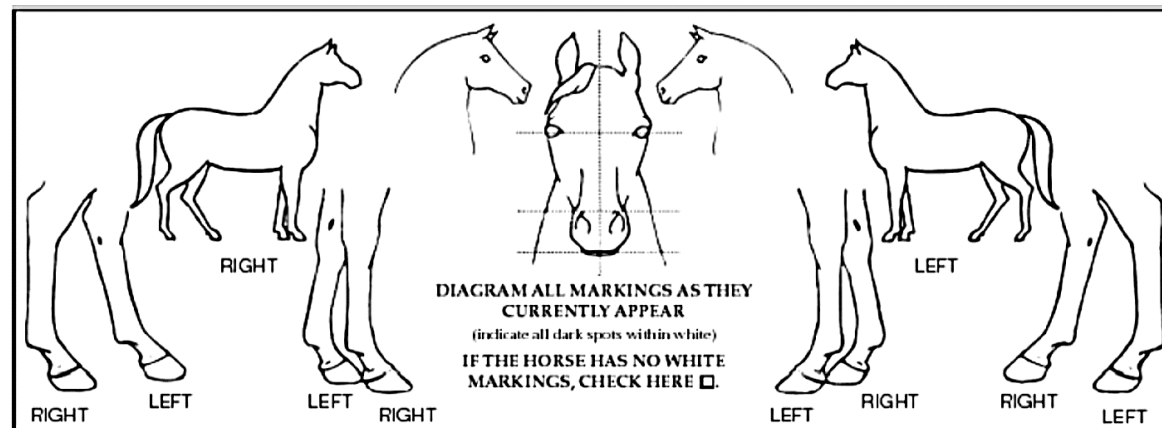
Animal ID Number  
(Official Use Only)

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
Horses Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nick Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Long Term Care Arrangements (Boarding) \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner/Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Known Allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Meds \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical History \_\_\_\_\_

## Normal Feeding Requirements (Type, Amount, Frequency)

Hay \_\_\_\_\_  
Grain/Sweet feed \_\_\_\_\_  
Pellets \_\_\_\_\_  
Supplements \_\_\_\_\_

Known Dangerous Habits or Actions \_\_\_\_\_  
Identifying Markings (Brands, Tattoos, Scars) \_\_\_\_\_



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# EVACUATION OF HORSES

## WHERE DO YOU TAKE THEM

- Back to the Staging Area – temporarily
- Owner identified location
- Designated Evacuation Shelter
- Horse Hospital





# OPTIMAL EVACUATION TRAILER

## Stock Trailer

- w/ escape door-safety factor
- 2-3 horse capacity – maneuverable
- Side mount fence panels





# TRAILER LOADING 101

- Can be very dangerous – confined space
- Only skilled horse handlers should attempt with a difficult horse
- Loading should never be rushed calm demeanor is a necessity
- If time and safety are in question loading should not be attempted





# EVACUATION OF HORSES

- What if horses don't load? Leave them but document the situation. If veterinarian available sedation may be an option
- What if a horse is mortally wounded? Euthanasia standards should be followed preferably with veterinarian present or consulted via cell phone





# EQUINE EVACUATION SHELTER

- Usually established through Cal Veterinarian Association
- Can be a component of Large Animal Evacuation Group
- Follow all intake procedures at the Shelter Site
- Overall design – Temporary corral panels, water buckets, etc.
- Food and water sources have been arranged
- Veterinarian Services onsite



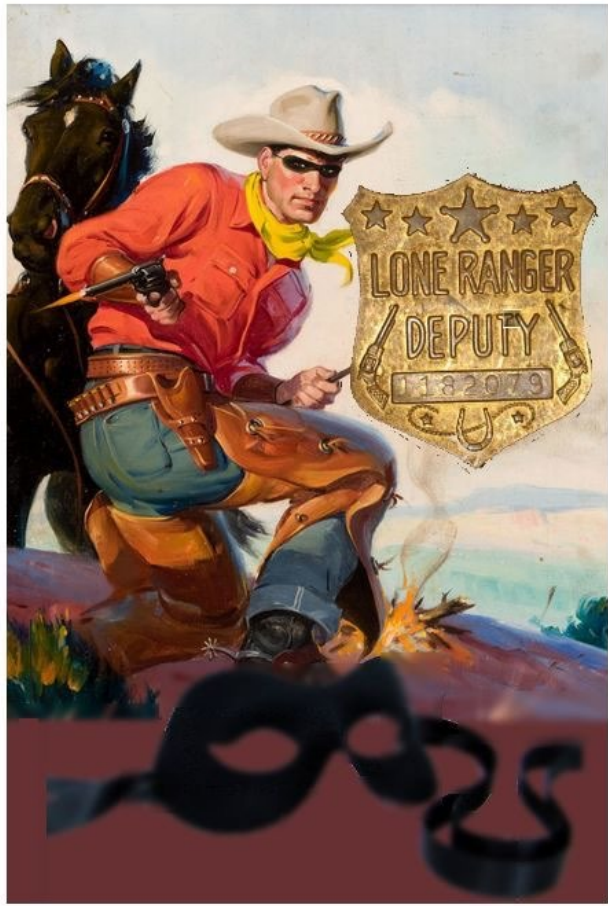


# OTHER SPECIES

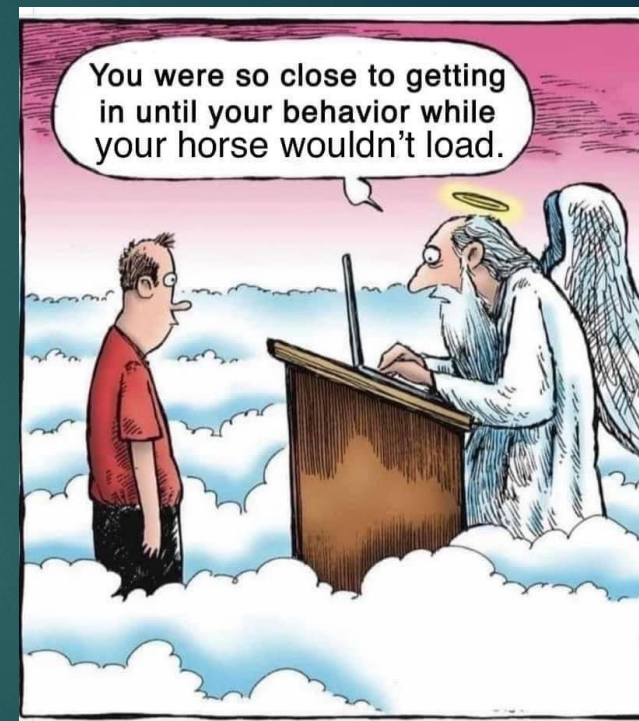
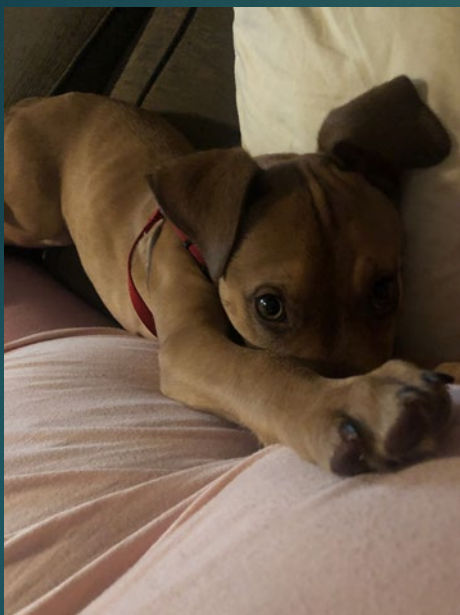
- In general, all farm stock are herd animals
- Move them as a group
- Avoid separating them
- Food motivated
- Leading Animal motivated
- Many Llamas and Alpacas are halter broken and can be led. Their method of defense is to warn with a spit, chest butt and stomp with front feet. They are curious and may come up to you. Most are very kind.

















# THE END

A special thanks to the Alta Loma Riding Club for establishing the ALERT Program. ALERT has been recognized by the County of San Bernardino and the City of Rancho Cucamonga for their participation in Wildland Fire Evacuations.

