



LCHA Roundup

Two Simultaneous Meetings

1. LCHA Members, April meeting:
Saturday, April 4
Topic: Horse Loading
Start Time: 10:00 AM

2. LCHA Evacuation Team, April Event:
Saturday, April 4
Topic: Horse Loading
Start Time: 10:00 AM

Location for both: Centennial Livestock Auction Parking Lot
113 NW Frontage Rd, Fort Collins, CO 80524

Yes, that's right. We **will** have an LCHA member meeting with an LCHA Evacuation Team event.

How does this meeting work?

LCHA Members

Any LCHA member is invited to attend this event.

You have three options:

- 1 -- Bring one trailer and one horse and participate in the event by hearing the short talk and by loading each horse into each trailer.
- 2 -- Come to the event without trailer and horse, hear the talk, and participate in loading horses.
- 3 -- Come to the event without trailer and horse, and simply observe to learn without actually loading horses.

LCHA Evacuation Team

Each driver brings one trailer and one horse. We have a brief talk with a trainer regarding loading issues, and then we load each horse in to each trailer.

All drivers and partners should attend this event.

What Is Actually Happening Here?

Attendees get to know each other. A good thing to know others in our club, and to increase our camaraderie.

We also get to know how horses react to different trailer types, size, smells, and sounds. After all, trailers may have ramps, steps up (some higher than others), tack racks just inside the back door, dividers, etc. Some are stock trailers, while others are built for horses. Trailers may be small (2 horses) or larger (4 or 5 horses, or more), and may load straight, slant, or open. In short, trailers come in many sizes and styles. What will your horse do if encountering a trailer that is different from your own?

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Trailers



A step-up trailer. This image shows a divider inside.



It is good to know that, when you want to go on a trail ride or some other event, your horse is comfortable loading into your friend's trailer (that differs from yours).

After loading into the trailers in our horse loading event, our horses get more relaxed when asked to load into a trailer – *any* trailer. Further, **we** get more relaxed when loading a horse or two into our trailers.

Come to Horse Loading

So come. See you on Saturday, April 4, at 10:00 AM at the Centennial Livestock Auction parking lot. We hope that many LCHA members, and **all** evacuation team members, will attend Horse Loading.

Events – April

April

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 – Horse Loading

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Centennial Livestock Auction parking lot

113 NW Frontage Road, Fort Collins



No, you are not seeing double. These look-alikes and several other horses attended the horse loading event.

This is both an educational meeting for LCHA members and a training event for the LCHA Evacuation Team.

Evacuation team drivers bring one trailer and one horse. Joe Andrews gives a short talk on loading horses, and then each team member loads each horse into each trailer.

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2-- Come to the event without trailer and horse, hear the talk, and participate in loading horses.

See "Option 3" on page 3

Option 3

3 – Come to the event without trailer and horse, and simply observe to learn without actually loading horses

We hope that many LCHA members, and all evacuation team members, will attend Horse Loading.

Many people have said that this event is great, perhaps the best event of the year for owners and horses.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 – LCHA Board Of Directors Meeting

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Council Tree Library

2733 Council Tree Avenue, Fort Collins

The public is invited to any Board of Directors meeting.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18– Horse Loading

RAIN DATE

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Centennial Livestock Auction

parking lot

113 NW Frontage Road, Fort Collins

If rain or snow cancel the horse loading event and LCHA meeting on April 4, we will have them on the 18th. This is the rain date for both the educational meeting for LCHA members and training event for the LCHA Evacuation Team.

Notice:

We have scheduled LCHA events only three days of the possible 30 days in this month, and none of them are for LCHA Club rides. Want to go on a trail ride? The weather certainly has been good for it.

Buddy Ride

You can call a trail ride leader to arrange a Buddy Ride. Simply put, a Buddy Ride is a spontaneous trail ride with one of the certified LCHA Trail Ride Leaders. The ride will be just the two of you riding at the location of your choosing.

Have a special concern? Talk it over with a Trail Ride Leader! Have a special concern? Talk it over with a Trail Ride Leader!

See "Ride Leaders" on page 4

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Spontaneous Rides

These are neither club rides nor Buddy Rides

How do they work? An LCHA members accesses the LCHA e-list (a list of contact information for members only) to post a message; for example, "*Hi, I am planning*

to ride at XXX (trail head) on date and time. Would anyone like to ride with me?" Any other member(s) on the e-list can answer, and the two (or more) can work out the details. It is a great way to meet and ride with new friends.

Calendar for 2026

Here is the calendar developed by the planning meeting. Note that some locations are not yet set. You will need to check the newsletter for the month in which a particular event is scheduled to find the location. This calendar starts in April, since January though March have already passed..

April

4 **Educational Meeting and Evacuation Team Event**
Horse Loading
Centennial Livestock Auction parking lot
10:00 AM

10 **LCHA Board Of Directors Meeting**
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Council Tree Library
2733 Council Tree Avenue, Fort Collins
The public is invited to any Board of Directors meeting.

18 **RAIN DATE FOR**
Educational Meeting and Evacuation Team Event
Horse Loading
Centennial Livestock Auction parking lot
10:00 AM

May

2 **Educational Meeting**
Pasture Management, Especially in Drought
Speaker: Karla Melgar Velis
Small Acreage Management Specialist
Front Range Region
Chuck and Pati Morel's Place
39001 Rangeview Dr, Severance, CO 80610

8	<p>LCHA Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (noon) Location to be determined ALL LCHA members are welcome. The public is also welcome</p>
June	
6	<p>Sundance Guest Ranch Trail Ride, Your horse or theirs + Lunch Read your May and June newsletter for more information about the details on riding and lunch. Contact Bonnie May at 970-217-1113.</p>
7	<p>Trail Ride, Sundance Trail Guest Ranch Rain Date Read your May and June newsletter for more information about the details on riding and lunch. Contact Bonnie May at 970-217-1113</p>
12	<p>LCHA Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (noon) Location to be determined ALL LCHA members are welcome. The public is also welcome</p>
19	<p>Trail Ride -- Blue Mountain Trail Head Ride Leader -- Charles Ables Arrive 10:30 AM, in saddle 11:00 AM All are welcome Contact Charles Ables 831-601-3167</p>
20	<p>LCHA Annual Meeting 10:00 AM -- Clinic or games on horse Afternoon – Picnic followed by Annual Meeting Location to be determined Read your May and June newsletters for more information about the details on clinic and lunch. Contact Susan Kurzweil at 970-619-0966 or Bonnie Templeton at 970-622-0982 for clinic, lunch, annual meeting, or all three.</p>
26	<p>Trail Ride -- Bobcat Ridge Natural Area Ride Leader -- Jean Beucler Arrive 10:00 AM, in saddle 10:30 AM Lunch at trailers after the ride Contact Jean Beucler 970-223-1159</p>
July	

8	Trail Ride -- Eagles' Nest Ride Leader -- Jean Beucler Arrive 10:00 AM, in saddle 10:30 AM Contact Jean Beucler 970-223-1159
10	LCHA Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (noon) Location to be determined ALL are welcome.
18	Trail Ride --Lady Moon Arrive 10:00 AM, in saddle 10:30 AM Lunch on trail Contact Charles Ables 831-601-3167
August	
8	LCHA Afternoon Trail Ride Location to be determined Arrive TBD, in saddle TBD Contact Susan Kurzweil 970619-0966 or Pati Morel 970-488 0041
14	LCHA Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (noon) Location to be determined ALL are welcome.
September	
3	Educational Meeting
11	LCHA Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (noon) Location to be determined ALL are welcome.
19	Fundraiser Spirit Dancer Ranch Watch your newsletter for more information.
23	Trail Ride -- Soderberg Ride Leader -- Jean Beucler Arrive 10:00 AM, in saddle 10:30 AM Contact Jean Beucler 970-223-1159
October	
3	Educational Meeting

9	LCHA Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (noon) Location to be determined ALL are welcome.
16	Movie Night Karen Finfer's House Arrive 4:00 PM, Potluck Contact Karen Finfer at 303-928-9973
30	LCHA Costume Trail Ride -- Pella Croosing Arrive 10:00 AM, in saddle at 10:30 AM Contact Karen Finfer at 303-928-9973
November	
6	Trail Ride -- Eagles' Nest Ride Leader Karen Finfer Arrive 10:30 AM, in saddle 11:30 AM Contact Karen Finfer at 303-928-9973
7	Educational Meeting
13	LCHA Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (noon) Location to be determined ALL are welcome.
December	
5	Christmas Caroling on Horseback in Berthoud Details TBD
6	LCHA Holiday Party Details TBD

Temporary Shelter

The idea for Temporary Shelter came out of the High Park Fire. So many people needed to evacuate their animals and so many animals were trapped. LCHA volunteers helped rescue animals from fire areas with burns on their legs and feet.

See "Prevent" on page 7

Prevent

We had an idea to prevent that. What if we got animals out of the fire area *before* an Evacuation was declared. We joined together with Northern Colorado Back Country Horsemen to organize a service for the members of both groups.

Once the Sheriff's Office has declared a mandatory Evacuation for an area, evacuated animals in that area must be taken to The Ranch or to another designated facility. However, **before** a mandatory evacuation is declared, we can help members get their animals out and take them wherever we want.



Don't wait for mandatory evacuation -- call early when you need help. LCHA/BCH Emergency Shelter service is a way to keep your large animals safe.

We have already had a fire this year. Two LCHA members were in the evacuation area. They needed help getting their horses out of the evacuation zone.

Fortunately, Poudre Fire Authority got the fire under control and lifted the evacuation order within a few hours.

The point is this: We need to get ready for when the need arises for shelter for our animals.

How Temporary Shelter Works.

If you are in an area threatened by fire, flood, or some other disaster, or an area that has received pre-evacuation messages, you call me, Bonnie Templeton (970-481-4307) or Rachael Cohen (720--273-4798) and describe your situation:

- How many horses do you have?
- Do you have other animals that need to come with them?
- Do any of your animals have special needs?
- Do you need additional trailer assistance?

We will get the details from you and start calling other members who are in a safe zone and might have room to take your animals.

In the meantime, you pack up hay, food, medications, instructions, and anything else they might require.

We will put you directly in touch with the member who will provide shelter for your animals.

If you need transportation help, our evacuation team will help. You should keep the provider apprised of your situation and move your animals back home when it is safe.

How it Works for Providers

When we get a call for temporary shelter, we begin calling members to see who can take the animals. This year we are working on a spreadsheet to speed up the process. We need to know who can and can't take animals, so that we don't waste valuable time calling people who can't. So, before further fires start, we will be emailing members to find out the answers to the following questions.

- Can you take animals at your place?
- How many can you take?
- Could you take animals besides horses?
- What is your type of shelter (pasture, round pen, sheds, stalls, runs)?
- Do you need additional hay?

When arranging temporary shelter, We will call to confirm your answers to see that they are still accurate. Sometimes conditions change and that is OK.

Don't Hesitate

Some members have hesitated to call because they would feel badly if they activated the Temporary Shelter service and the fire never actually got to their house. That is OK. We want you to act early to get your animals out before it becomes bad. Once a mandatory evacuation is officially declared, we cannot help.

Bonnie Templeton

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Sign Up for Your Event

Please! Please! Please! Sign up for events in advance (especially events that involve riding):

- For any weekend ride, sign up by the end of Thursday before the ride.
- For any week day ride, sign up at least two days in advance.
- For some events, earlier sign-up may be required.



No matter how you do it, sign up

See "Why" on page 9

Why

Why?

If we need to cancel an event, your ride leader or event coordinator can get in touch with you to let you know before you drive to the location. You won't use gasoline or time waiting for an event that isn't going to happen. Also, your event leader/event coordinator needs to know if anyone is coming: If no one signs up, the leader may cancel or reschedule the event. And, if you have any special concerns or circumstances (for example, it is your horse's first ride with a group), your leader can plan to deal with the situation in the best possible way.

What's the Deal with "Limit"?

Wilderness areas, properties owned by the city of Fort Collins, and Red Mountain Open Space have a "12-heartbeat rule": A group cannot include more than 12 heartbeats when using trails in these areas. When riding our horses, the rule limits our groups to 6 riders (plus 6 horses with hearts) to meet the 12-heartbeat rule. However, if we have significantly more than 6 riders who want to ride, we can split them into 2 or more groups, each group including 6 riders (1 ride leader plus 5 others). The second group must leave the trail head 20 to 25 minutes after the first so that they do not merge with the first group.

When "Limit" is 4 horse trailers, it means that the parking space can hold only 4 horse trailers (tightly packed). However, we encourage "trailer pooling" if more than 4 people want to go on the ride. Actually, we encourage "trailer pooling" for any ride. The benefits are obvious.

Lunch?

For all rides except the Christmas Caroling Hayride, bring your lunch (unless your ride leader tells you otherwise). You will have lunch somewhere on the trail.

LCHA Educational Programs

LCHA offers an educational program meeting on the First Thursday of each month, except June, July, August, and December. In 2026, the first three meetings will be on Saturday mornings. All members are invited, and the public is invited, to any program meeting. For evening meetings, we meet at the McKee 4H Building at The Ranch. For Saturday meetings, we may set a different location.

These programs involve in-person meetings. We also try to present the programs in Zoom, but cannot guarantee that viewers will see items shown by a presenter. We recommend attending these programs in person,

Before each educational meeting the LCHA newsletter, *LCHA Roundup*, will publish program details.

LCHA Board Of Directors Meetings

The Larimer County Horseman's Association Board of Directors meets on the second Friday of every month, except December. The 2025 Annual meeting was on June 21. All Board meetings are open to all LCHA members and to the public.

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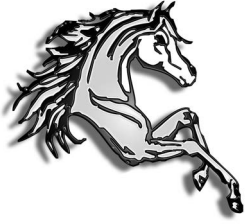
A logo for Cito's Rescue featuring a white horse in profile, facing left. The text "Cito's Rescue" is in a purple, serif font. Below it, the text "Ruth Altman, DVM, CRPM" and "970-689-6045" is displayed. The website "www.citosrescue.org" is also present. A Facebook icon and the tagline "Rescuing & rehoming at risk horses to rebuild hope" are at the bottom.

A logo for Victoria Harms, LCSW. The background is a soft-focus sunset over a field of tall grass. The text "Victoria Harms, LCSW" is in a white serif font, with "720-927-7297" below it. Underneath, "Stable Elements PLLC" and "Counseling & Psychotherapy" are listed. At the bottom, contact information is provided: "stableelementshealth@gmail.com" and "Equine & Nature Therapy" on the left, and "Berthoud, CO 80513" and "stableelements.clientsecure.me" on the right.

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