

Emergency Preparedness Plan

Eldorado Community Stables

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INTRODUCTION

Equine owners at the Eldorado Stable are urged to prepare for potential disasters, primarily wildfires. Past wildfires in New Mexico, most notably the 2000 [Cerro Grande fire](#) in Los Alamos, underscore the need for individual plans involving the emergency evacuation, care and temporary shelter of the community's privately-owned equines.

The primary responsibility and follow-through in the event of an emergency falls on individual equine owners to protect their equines. In the event of an emergency, call 911, then notify the ECIA office at 505-466-4248.

The Eldorado Stable Committee ("ESC") maintains a broadcast telephone message system, *DialMyCalls*, that can send an alert to listed cell phone numbers of all barn owners and sharers. The ECIA office must notify the Stable Committee immediately upon learning about a possible or pending evacuation, so committee members can initiate the alert system. If ESC members receive information about emergencies and details about an evacuation they will share it with the community. But there is no guarantee when the ESC volunteers will receive evacuation information.

While we are a tight-knit community with members and public officials demonstrating again and again a willingness to help, it is still incumbent upon individual equine owners to plan for the care of their animals in an emergency.

PREPARE

- **Travelling Papers.** Ahead of any emergency, and best equine practice, is to have travelling papers from the [New Mexico Livestock Board](#) for all of your horses, documenting you as the owner. These are required even when trailering for pleasure, medical emergencies and in non-natural disaster situations.
- **Identification on the Horse.** It is strongly recommended that your horse's halters have ID tags which include your name and phone number. Leather and cotton are preferred materials for halters and leads as these don't melt under extreme heat so will not burn your horses. You can also take a Sharpie pen and write your phone number on your horses' hooves. Permanent ID's include a microchip, lip tattoo or freeze brand.
- **Identification Packet.** You should also prepare an equine identification packet with your travelling papers, vaccination and Coggins records, feeding and medication instructions and your contact information.
- **Trailer and Tow Vehicle Maintenance.** Best practice is also to adhere to a regular maintenance schedule for your trailer and tow vehicle. As danger approaches, check your trailer's tire pressure and keep your tow vehicle's gas tank full.
- **Practice Loading.** If you own a trailer but do not trailer your horse often, work with your horse or horses to train them to load easily. Remember a fire emergency is chaotic and stressful for both horse and rider. Your horses must be obedient in order to evacuate safely.
- **Find a Trailering Buddy.** If you do not own a trailer, enlist a buddy to evacuate your horses in the event of an emergency. The above trailer training holds true: practice loading into the trailer that will

evacuate your horse so your horse can be taken to safety. Be aware that your “buddy” may not be allowed to re-enter an evacuation zone with their trailer once their horses have been evacuated in order to help you. Get out early.

- **Feed**. Avoid dietary changes by preparing three days worth of hay, grain, medications and, if possible, water.
- **Up-to-date Vaccinations and Coggins**. Know that in disasters, horses from several areas may mix in designated safe havens, resulting in the spread of contagious diseases. Safeguard your horse as much as possible by keeping vaccinations up to date and having proof of a Coggins test so your horse will be allowed on off-site facilities.
- **Sharing Public Corrals**. Evacuated horses from different areas and sheltering in public safe havens may mean horses are sharing corrals which can trigger aggressive behavior resulting in injury to equines. You assume this risk in an evacuation. Horses in this situation also present the possibility for the spread of contagious illnesses. Make certain your horses’ immunizations are always up to date.

FIRE PREVENTION

Fires can also erupt spontaneously within barns at the Eldorado stables. To avert and contain these:

- Never smoke or allow visitors to smoke at the Eldorado Stables.
- Immediately contact the Eldorado Fire Department, the ECIA, and the ESC should there be a fire in your personal barn.
- Keep a working fire extinguisher in your barn.
- If you have solar lighting or battery powered lighting, ensure that wiring is up to code.
- Make sure that your propane is stored properly.

RESPONSE

- **DialMyCalls broadcast message system**. Upon receiving notice of a possible or actual evacuation, an ESC member will send a broadcast alert to everyone on the ESC’s Stable Roster.
- **ECIA Staff Responsibility**. Any ECIA staff receiving notification of a possible or actual evacuation should contact an ESC member immediately.
- **Evacuation**. Equine owners receiving notice of a possible or actual evacuation should execute their evacuation plan as early as possible. Call your destination to make sure accommodations are still available, and safe, and to alert them you are evacuating.
- **Emergency Communications Network**. Tune to radio station 770 am for specific directions on where to register during an evacuation.
- **Don’t Let Your Horse Loose**. The county sheriff does not recommend setting your horse loose. Per their policies, if you need assistance recovering your horse, government resources may not be available as they will likely be allocated to other higher priority emergency measures.

*Important resources listed on page three.

APPENDIX 1 - ON-LINE RESOURCES

- <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/20200220/including-your-animals-disaster-preparedness>
- NMfireinfo.com You can check fire conditions and sign up for email alerts at this site.
- www.santafecountynm.gov/fire/emergency_management_division/evacuation_planning_guide

APPENDIX 2 – CONTACT INFORMATION & POSSIBLE EMERGENCY SHELTERS

- **Santa Fe Rodeo Grounds**
jgbutler408@gmail.com or call or text 505-316-514
- **HIPICO**
rv@hipicosantafe.com, 505-474-0999
- **National Animal Poison Control Center**
(888) 426-4435 (24-hours, fees may apply)
- **American Humane Association (natural disaster support and relief)**
(800) 227-4645
- **Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association (NNMHA)** is sanctioned by the Santa Fe County Animal Humane Society for emergency evacuation of equines.
Contact President David Marks: david.marks.sf@gmail.com 505-466-0306
- **Santa Fe Animal Shelter and Humane Society**
505-983-4309
- **Santa Fe County Animal Control**
Dispatch: (505) 428-3720
Office: (505) 992-1626