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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FACTS FOR HORSE AND LARGE ANIMAL OWNERS



OUR MISSION

The Hawaiian Humane Society is dedicated to promoting the human-animal bond and the humane treatment of all animals.

FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR ANIMAL

Because our island home is subject to dangerous year-round hazards such as flash floods, hurricanes, tsunamis and earthquakes, animal owners need to be prepared in any season.

BEFORE A DISASTER...

- 🌀 **Review the structural integrity of your barn and surrounding buildings.** New buildings can be designed, and existing structures can be modified, for better wind resistance.
- 🌀 **Pick up litter and make sure objects are secured to the ground or in an area protected from the wind.** Stockpiled materials and debris can act as deadly projectiles in high wind.
- 🌀 **Keep corral fencing in good repair.** Consider wind resistance and flooding when setting posts.
- 🌀 **Develop a barn safety and evacuation plan and post it in a clearly visible place.** Make sure that everyone who lives, works or boards at your barn understands the evacuation plan. ➡
- 🌀 **Keep your animals' vaccinations current,** especially tetanus.
- 🌀 **Store containers for water,** such as barrels, old tanks, catchment system.
- 🌀 **Always have at least three days of feed available for each animal.** Do not wait

until you are down to your last bale of hay before reordering.

- 🌀 **Equip every stall, paddock or pasture with a leather halter and lead rope for each horse** — permanently mark with owner's and horse's names.

BARN SAFETY AND EVACUATION PLAN ✓

Here are some things to consider when developing your plan:

- is the horse trained to ride in a trailer?
- are there enough trailers available to move all the animals?
- develop a relationship with another stable on higher ground so you can relocate animals away from the storm's path
- are there stallions that need special considerations?
- alert neighbors to the presence of horses or large animals, and tell them who to call if you can't get to your animals

EMERGENCY KIT

Prepare a barn emergency kit in advance and include these items:

- minimum of 100 feet of garden hose with spray nozzle
- shovel for throwing dirt and clearing vegetation
- rake or machete for clearing vegetation
- chainsaw
- water and feed buckets
- battery-powered radio for monitoring news reports, plus spare batteries
- flashlights and spare batteries
- generator
- first aid kits for humans and for animals — have your veterinarian help you gather the necessary items, especially if your animal needs special medication

- whatever else you feel is essential for your animal's care and handling for the first 24 hours



DURING EVACUATION...

- Your personal safety and that of the people working for you must be your first concern!**
- If possible, confine animals in a pasture away from buildings or structures.** Pieces that break off buildings may become dangerous flying objects during high winds.
- Leave water in barrels or sturdy containers that will not spill.**
- Keep halters on horses.** Make sure the halters are leather so they will break if the horses get caught.

AFTER A DISASTER...

- In the aftermath of an emergency or natural disaster, be careful when handling your animal.** Familiar scents and landmarks may have been altered, causing your animal to be confused and frightened.
- Confine animals in a debris-free area as soon as possible.** Watch for downed power lines and keep animals away.
- Examine your animal's legs, eyes and rear quarters for injuries.** Clean wounds thoroughly and apply first aid yourself.
- Secure an adequate water supply and slowly reintroduce animals to feed.** Initially offer them small amounts of hay several times a day.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:



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SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HAWAIIAN HUMANE SOCIETY:

- 24-hour lost and found center for all animals
- Animal adoptions
- Animal rescues and cruelty investigations
- Assistance for pets in housing issues
- City and County low-cost Neuter Now certificates for cats and dogs
- Help in resolving animal-related complaints
- Humane education for the community
- Information on pets in estate planning
- Inspection of pet shops, rodeos, parade animals and animal shows
- Pet loss support group
- Pet care assistance for the sick and elderly
- Pet food, pet supplies and animal care books
- Pet visitation
- Services for animals in transit at the airport
- Shelter for homeless and stray animals
- Speakers bureau
- Volunteer opportunities