WHO WE ARE

The Central California Animal Disaster Team (CCADT) is a non-profit volunteer organization that assists emergency response agencies and Red Cross Central CA with displaced animals during emergencies and/or disasters.

The CCADT deploys to disasters in Fresno, Kings, Madera, Tulare, Merced and Mariposa counties*.

If you are interested in becoming a CCADT volunteer, visit our website at CCADT.org and click on the “Volunteer Info” page.

PleaSE DONATE!

The CCADT is a 501(c) public benefit charity that relies on donations to fund animal evacuation equipment, emergency shelter supplies, and general operating expenses. Donations are tax-deductible. Please consult with your tax advisor as to your individual tax situation.

For more information on how to donate to the CCADT, visit CCADT.org/donate.

*The CCADT does not provide public services that are the responsibility of city or county animal control agencies (i.e. pick-up of stray, injured, neglected, dangerous or deceased animals.) CCADT deploys ONLY upon request by emergency response agencies during disasters.
BE PREPARED

Whether you own just a few livestock animals or poultry - or have a large commercial operation, disaster preparedness is important because of the animals' size and the requirements needed to shelter and transport them. Be prepared by having a disaster plan in place to protect your livestock either by evacuating or sheltering-in-place.

Plan Ahead

Determine the best place for animal confinement if disaster strikes. Locate alternate water sources if power is lost and pumps are not working. Have a minimum of 5-7 days of feed and water on hand.

Identification

Photograph, identify, and inventory your animals. Permanent ID such as brands, tattoos, ear tags, or microchips are best. Temporary ID such as tags on halters, livestock markers, paint, and duct tape with permanent writing will also work. Include your name and phone number. Keep ID information with you to verify ownership.

Medical Records & Vaccinations

All animals need to have current vaccinations. Keep medical histories, provide special dosing and dietary requirements. Provide contact information for your veterinarian.

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EVACUATION

If you own a large number of livestock, you may need to have them shelter-in-place. If you are transporting the livestock to an evacuation site, LEAVE EARLY if multiple trips are required. You may encounter emergency road closures that prohibit returning to your home or livestock operation - forcing the animals to be left behind.

- Develop an evacuation plan; know different routes to take in case there is a road closure
- Establish a network of livestock transportation resources if additional trailers are needed (friends, neighbors, local haulers, etc.)
- Locate potential evacuation sites outside of your immediate area
- Listen to the Emergency Alert System (EAS) on TV or radio
- Post your emergency contact information at your barn or house

Transportation Vehicles

Keep vehicles with a full tank of gas and trailers well-maintained. Be sure your animals will load. If you don’t have your own transport vehicles, make arrangements with local haulers or neighbors before disaster strikes.

LIVESTOCK EVACUATION KIT

Just like your small companion animals, you will need to create a evacuation supply kit for your livestock to take to the evacuation site. For a list of recommended items, visit CCADT.ORG.

AFTER THE DISASTER

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- If animals were sheltered-in-place, examine closely for injuries or signs of illness
- Check barn, poultry cages/pens and fences for damages
- Look for downed power lines
- Check pastures for sharp objects or debris that could injure livestock
- Beware of local wildlife that may have entered your property and could be dangerous to the livestock
- If another person's animal is on your property, isolate it from your animals until returning to owner
- If you have a lost animal, contact your local animal control, veterinarian, surrounding farms, humane societies, etc.
- Check with your veterinarian about potential disease outbreaks

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Click on the “Be Prepared” link.