



# Disaster Planning for Your Livestock

## Planning now will make the difference!

- ➔ Plan now for the possibility that you and your animals will need to evacuate. Plan out multiple evacuation routes and sheltering locations for your livestock in advance.
  - Evacuation sites should have food, water, garbage containers for waste disposal, some type of shade for shelter, and veterinary care.
- ➔ Make arrangements for transporting livestock now. Trucks and trailers for transporting livestock should be available along with experienced handlers and drivers to transport your animals.
- ➔ Identify your livestock by having them micro-chipped or freeze-marked. If you think you will be able to write your name and phone number on the animal, try it out now.
  - ID tags with your information attached to halters or neckbands are another way to identify large animals.
  - Photographs are also helpful for identification if your animals are evacuated when you are not present
- ➔ If you find that you cannot evacuate your livestock from your property, you need to decide whether to move them to another location or turn them into a large pasture.
  - Your decision needs to be based on your personal safety, the safety of your property, and the type of disaster you are in.

### Create a Livestock Survival Kit

- Veterinary Records
- Halter and Lead; It is best to use a leather halter in fire situations because nylon can melt, causing severe injury
- Special Medications or Supplements; insure medications and supplements are not expired. At every change of daylight savings time, refresh your supply.
- Extra buckets for food and water
- Write down and keep emergency phone numbers inside your kit

### During the Disaster

- ❖ Large animals should be evacuated no later than when an evacuation warning is received
- ❖ Tune to your local radio stations for current evacuation information



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**For assistance during a disaster call the Animal Services hotline at 805-681-4332**