ANIMALS IN EVACUATION—STAY CONNECTED!!

In a Disaster, with existing evacuation in place or immanent, people aren’t usually thinking about “AFTER”. However… reunification of animals and people is often a big challenge for owners and agencies.

Make sure your animals have identification! Whether you have to leave animals at home or are heading to the emergency shelter, ID is a critical part of preparedness.

Here are several ways to ID equines and livestock that are SAFE IN FIRE or FLOOD situations. If your animal is not microchipped, try to use more than one type of ID. Remember that freeze brands can be erased by unscrupulous “rescuers”.

And never, EVER, give your Coggins papers to a hauler you do not know and trust. In a mandatory Evac situation, make sure you are sending your animals with resources working with the emergency managers.

It’s a very good idea to get a small backpack or book bag and put your ID items, binder with Vet records, photos, and registration all in one place.

2. I.C.E. ManeStay Tags if you have them. These are fast & easy to attach to mane. Have the ID info filled out ahead; stash the tags in your barn ready-kit.
3. Write on hooves: use fat black marker or white chalk marker to write phone# on all hooves
4. Spray-paint phone#, or a symbol on both sides of your animal. For example: big slash mark, or, big letters. When describing your animals, you can say “Bay gelding with left sock and orange “XO” on both sides. You get the idea! if you’re planning ahead, get Special livestock marking paint- it has a skinny nozzle for writing so you don’t spray your entire mule hot pink;-). Livestock crayons are good, too. Warm them up a bit so they’re easier to use.
5. A big splash or stripe is good in a rush. You can describe “sorrel gelding with pink stripe on rump”.
6. Braid a cattle tag into mane, with your name & phone number. Keep tags, markers, and braiding runnerbsnds in a Ziploc bag.
7. Take photos of animal: face and all markings. Include yourself in the photo, if possible. If you have time, write a clear sign with YOUR NAME & CONTACTS, Animal ID info to hold in the photo.
REMINDERS

★ ID your PROPERTY ENTRANCE! Use spray paint, rocks, metal signs—anything that won’t burn or was away.
★ Don’t forget to add OUT OF AREA CONTACTS to your emergency numbers

★ If animals do not load in trailers, please do not request evacuation help. This puts everyone in danger, including animals! Instead, leave in best conditions possible:
  ✓ Lots of water
  ✓ As far as possible from flammable materials like shavings, hay, empty shavings and and/or grain bags, wood.
★ If you have to leave your animals: call the emergency number for your local animal services agency.
  ✓ Provide clear location details and situation information.
  ✓ Ask for a “Welfare Check”.

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• Markers
• Mane and/or Ear Tags
• Reflective Tape
• Spray Paint