

# Louisiana Equine Emergency Planner



Pony Club

This booklet should be filled-out by horse owners and should include important and necessary information that will be useful during emergency situations. Keep this booklet in your tack box, glove compartment, or other easy-access location. Be ready!

Contact Information:  
Equine Branch Leader  
Louisiana State Animal Response Team (LSART)  
**(225) 928-5862**

# **Emergency Phone Numbers**

## **Professionals & Officials**

<b>Parish Sheriff</b>	
<b>Fire Dept.</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Parish Animal Control</b>	
<b>Local Veterinarians</b>	<b>225-578-9500</b> (LSU Vet Med)
<b>La. State Vet's Office</b>	<b>225-925-3980</b>
<b>LSART</b> La. State Animal Response Team	<b>(800) 524-2996</b>
<b>Parish OEP</b> (Office of Emergency Preparedness)	
<b>National Animal Poison Control</b>	<b>(888) 426-4435</b>
<b>Parish Ag Extension Number</b>	

# Emergency Phone Numbers

## Personal

Family	
Family	
Neighbor	
Neighbor	
Vet	
Vet	
Doctor	

# Take care of yearly equine health needs

- Make an appointment with your veterinarian for:
  - Regular vaccinations (Tetanus, EEE, WEE, WNV)
  - Dental care to maximize digestive health
  - Deworming if necessary
  - Yearly Coggins test (required by law!)
- Provide proper nutrition (forage – good hay and supplemental grain if necessary)

# Equine Evacuation Plan

- Prioritize/choose which animals will be evacuating ahead of a storm
- Make sure you have access to a horse trailer for evacuating your horses
- Make sure your horses will easily load into a trailer
- Evacuate at least 3 days ahead of a storm
- Plan/Map-out evacuation route
- Plan destination
- Leave important contact information with neighbors
- Be sure to have enough cash for fuel
- Take provisions (food, water, cash) for people
- Take provisions for horses (hay, water, first aid kit)
- Take current equine Coggins forms when evacuating with your horse

# Shelter-in-place Plan

- Do not lock horse in stall/barn
- Keep enough hay (elevated storage or covered in plastic) for 5-7 days
- Identify your horse two ways
  - permanent microchip, lip tattoo, or brand
  - temporary → spray paint, paint stick, w/owner name & ph. #
- Keep clean water source for 5-7 days
- Keep supply of batteries & flashlights
- First aid kit
- Post-storm clean-up kit
  - Chain saw, hammer, rakes, etc.
- Contact Parish OEP to say you are ok (or that you need help)
- Keep a copy of your evacuation plan on file with your parish OEP

# **Louisiana Risks for Emergencies or Disasters**

- Barn fire
- Brush fire
- Traffic trailer accident
- Animal trapped in pond, river, lake, marsh
- Storms – hurricanes, tornadoes, flash flooding...
- Chemical spill/gas release
- Terrorism
- Diseases (foreign animal)

For additional

# Planning Assistance

- [www.lsart.org](http://www.lsart.org)
  - Louisiana state animal response team website
  - Shelter locations, response, trailering, situation updates
- [www.lsu.edu/equine.com](http://www.lsu.edu/equine)
  - LSU School of Vet. Med., Equine Health Studies Program
- [www.la.gov](http://www.la.gov)
  - Animal Health Division, Louisiana Dept of Ag & Forestry
- [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
- [www.lahg.net](http://www.lahg.net)
  - Louisiana Horseman's Guide
- [www.avma.org/disaster](http://www.avma.org/disaster)
  - American Veterinary Medical Association
- [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com)
  - Agriculture information
- [www.fema.gov/hazard](http://www.fema.gov/hazard)



## **Recommendations for Responsible Horse Ownership**

- PREPARE an emergency operation (evacuation & response) plan for your family, including your animals
- File your emergency plan with your local parish OEP and the Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture & Forestry
- Stay informed – join the Louisiana State Animal Response Team ([www.LSART.org](http://www.LSART.org))
- Participate in community emergency preparedness

# Our Plan

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