Advance preparation and planning

Pets

- □ Prepare a 72 hour kit with food, water, bowls, litter box, medicine, first aid supplies, and health records
- □ Have leashes/harnesses for each (including cats), and carriers (for each) accessible
- ☐ Have pets tagged or microchipped for easy identification
- □ Identify places to stay with your pets nearby and 50 miles or more away—hotels that take pets, friends/relatives, boarding facilities. Keep your pet with you if at all possible. Boarding can be expensive. Depending on the extent and duration of the disaster, temporary emergency animal shelter may be established.

Horses and companion livestock

Do not turn them loose and do not lock them in a barn. A large fenced area is the best way to protect your animals in a disaster involving extreme weather events. In the event of a wildfire, a space with a defensible perimeter or evacuation is best.

- □ Always keep a weeks supply of food on hand and under cover
- ☐ Have an emergency source of water if services are disrupted
- □ Have transportation to evacuate. Remember that borrowing from a neighbor may not be feasible.

- ☐ Have current health/vaccination records, proof of ownership and brand or microchip identification
- □ Identify nearby and distant evacuation sites—boarding facilities, fairgrounds, arenas etc.
- □ Keep a first aid kit in your truck or trailer

Production livestock

Do not turn them loose and do not lock them in a barn. A large fenced area is the best way to protect your animals in a disaster involving extreme weather events. In the event of a wildfire, a space with a defensible perimeter or evacuation is best.

- Maintain a contact list of normal and alternate suppliers
- □ Know your brand inspectors and extension agents
- ☐ Membership in a growers or producers organization that can provide assistance in an emergency will reduce losses
- □ Know how to reach your insurance agent in the event of losses
- □ When possible, move stock out of flood or fire zones in advance, provide extra feed in severe weather events

First aid Kit

(Use sizes appropriate for pets in family)

- □ Antidiarrheal such as peptobismol (1/2 tab or 2 tsp for 15 lbs in dogs, ½ tab or 1 tsp for 15 lbs in cats)
- □ Antibiotic ointment such as Neosporin or triple antibiotic
- □ Antibiotic eye ointment
- □ Sterile saline eye wash
- □ Disinfectant surgical scrub and solution
- □ Cotton tipped swabs
- □ Gauze squares
- □ Gauze roll (Kling type)
- □ Non-adherent sterile dressing
- □ Bandage scissors
- □ Latex or nitrile gloves
- □ Sterile lubricant
- □ Vet wrap or similar
- □ Large padded bandages, or sanitary napkins
- □ Clean rags, towels, sheets
- □ Syringes of several sizes
- □ Thermometer
- □ Tweezers, and/or mosquito hemostats
- □ Mineral oil
- □ Pet appropriate pain medication
- □ Elastic bandage

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