

DISASTER PLANNING PAYS OFF ...

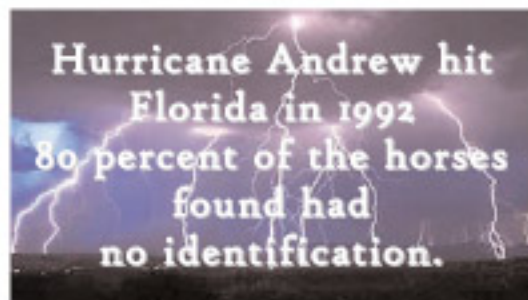
Recent hurricanes, floods and the raging fires serve as a real reason to pay more attention to preparation measures in the event of a natural disaster ... horse owners can never be too prepared.

Identify Your Horse(s):

1. Identify your horses—both permanently and temporarily.
 - a. Tags—Place a halter on your horse with a luggage tag showing owners name, phone number, and email address. *Write special needs on an index card, place in waterproof baggie and tape around the halter.*
 - b. Braid a second luggage tag into the horse's tail with the above information. *Be sure to include special needs and medical information. Do not tie the tag around the tail as circulation could be cut off.*
 - c. Place fetlock ID bands on both front feet.
 - d. Trim out your phone number on the hair of the horse. *(Note: this ID may take a while to grow out.)*
 - e. Write your phone number in non-toxic dye or permanent marker *(Note: this ID may take a while to grow out.)*

Keep Important Papers Together: *Place the following in a tightly sealed plastic bag:*

2. Pictures—take lots of them ...
 - a. In different seasons
 - b. With a family member
 - c. Special markings on horse
 - d. Brands, scars or tattoos
 - e. ID Placement
3. Coggins Test (do NOT place this on your horse)
4. Identification registrations
5. Registration Papers



Other Important Steps to Take:

1. Contact Your Neighbors
2. Organize neighborhood disaster committee. Schedule meetings to discuss ways to help each other in the event of a pending disaster. Discuss flood areas, equipment needed, central location for loose horses during disaster, etc.
3. Have shots/vaccinations up to date including Encephalitis and Tetanus booster
4. Don't put a copy of your Coggins test on your horse
5. Contact your county's emergency management agency to see if your county has an animal disaster team.
6. Request information on what would be expected of you in the event of a disaster in your area.
7. If you plan to evacuate have your route planned out in advance.

Preparing for a Hurricane: *If you plan on staying at home here are tips that may be helpful.*

1. Consider the barn structure, trees, machinery, power lines, and the condition of surrounding areas. Keeping your horse in a barn or an open field is your choice. Remember debris flies rampant in a hurricane.
2. Store all items from aisle's and walls in a safe place.
3. Store two weeks hay supply wrapped in waterproof plastic and feed in waterproof containers in the highest dry area you can find.
4. Spay paint plywood boards with either "Animals need help" on one side and "Animals OK for now" on the other in the event you need to signal for help afterwards.
5. Fill plastic trash cans with water and secure in dry area. Make sure you put the lid tightly on the can.
6. Have an emergency barn kit and medical kit handy.

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