PLANNING FOR LARGE ANIMALS BEFORE THE DISASTER

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Sandy In 2012 and Irene In 2011

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Advanced Planning Is Required To Evacuate and House Horses

Because Horses are large:

- Truck and trailer (space for all animals)
- Arrangements for transporting horse(s).
- Identify people who could help or hire transportation service.
Evacuation

Practice loading/unloading with the horse as part of your regular routine.

Set up a plan with a fellow horse owner to evacuate each other's animals, when disaster strikes.

Pre-identified locations to evacuate horses, such as equine farms, boarding stables or fairgrounds.
Pack a Travel Kit

- Feeding and water
- Buckets
- Bedding for horse's stall
- Pitch fork & muck bucket
- Halters and leads

- Pack medications
- Medical records, and keep current on vaccinations, (especially tetanus)
- Coggins
- First aid kit containing cotton rolls, vet wraps, Betadine, etc.
Identification:

Permanent ID:
• Microchipping
• Freeze branding
• Pictures
• Tattoos

Copy of horse’s registration papers, bill of sale or other documentation to prove ownership.
The Microchip Is:

• An identification device that is implanted in the neck of the equine.

• RFID Chips (11784/85, 134.2 kHz) would be ISO/ANSI compatible with ability to be read at a minimum of 134.2 kHz frequency.

• Chips would be a 15 digit # starting with country identification code-USA 840-AIN- Animal Identification Number.
Identification:

- Temporary identification:
  - Using a livestock crayon to paint your name, phone number on the horse.
  - Use clippers to shave phone number in the horse's coat.
  - Braiding into the horse's mane an ID tag with information.
  - For temporary identification you may have to write your temporary location.
“New York City-area racetracks Aqueduct Racetrack and Belmont Park were devastated by Hurricane Sandy,”

NYRA President Ellen McClain

“All horses and humans residing on our property weathered the storm safely, but Sandy has affected employees, horsemen, and farms. Here, flood waters from Sandy damaged many Brooklyn, N.Y., businesses.” McClain said.