



October 15, 2017

How To Get Help For Your Animals: Updates

Dear SVVGA MEMBERS:

Many of you have contacted us regarding getting feed or assistance to your animals. Please see this important information from The HALTER Project.

The HALTER Project (aka Julie Atwood) is able to enter hot zones to conduct welfare checks on animals sheltered in place. We are set up to bring water, feed and assess conditions.

We are working with SCAS, and have access to local veterinarians and UCD VERT team.

We can also use a few additional helpers:

- Good driver, strong & handy w/tools, with single-axle pickup
- Good Admin assistant who has good cell and internet to provide communications support

Please see the info below, and call, TEXT or email.

My heart is with everyone. We've been sheltered in place since Sunday, along with many of you. So proud to be part of our SVVGA community. Hang in!

Here are updates from Sonoma County Animal Services and The HALTER Project:

Unless urgent evacuation is needed, and resources can get to your animals SAFELY, the focus now is on WELFARE CHECKS FOR ANIMALS SHELTERED IN PLACE (SIP). This means that teams of AUTHORIZED RESPONDERS will be checking on animals and assessing their health, watering, feeding, and giving a reassuring pat or scratch!

WATER FOR LIVESTOCK:

We are set up to get water to livestock in the valley. Text [707-318-7526](tel:707-318-7526)

SHORT & LONG TERM SHELTER FOR HORSES & LIVESTOCK

If you, or anyone you know is need of safe & secure temporary home for animals, several resources are compiling lists of available resources outside affected areas.

TRANSPORTATION FOR ANIMALS

Most of our Ranchers have their equipment, but many have lost their aluminum or steel stock trailers. There are resources to assist.

CONTACTS:

HALTER Project will post Ag resources asap.

We will also compile a resource list to send to members thru SVVGA

TO REQUEST WELFARE CHECKS:

Register your request. Several contacts can take your info:

STEP 1: SCAS

PHONE: 707-565-7100

707-565-4406

STEP 2: TEXT: 707-318-7526 (Julie/HALTER)

EMAIL: rescue@halterfund.org

INFO TO INCLUDE:

- Name
- Cell Phone#
- LOCATION OF ANIMALS: town, neighborhood, Winery/Tasting Room/ Street Address
- ACCESS INFO: gate code, lock combo, etc
- SPECIES & Number of animals
- LOCATION OF ANIMALS: house? Pasture? Pens?

You will receive a call or other message to let you know your animals are being checked.

Veterinarians are on standby to assess and treat animals. The UCD VERT has set up Triage and Vets have been making house calls.

IMPORTANT: only authorized teams can enter hot zones for welfare checks. Please do not attempt to enter a hot zone. Self-deployed helpers actually put everyone, including animals, at risk. We must work with emergency services to do the best job of helping animals, and people.

IN SONOMA VALLEY: HALTER Project has resources staged and ready to conduct welfare checks now. We have Vets on standby.

For assistance moving horses and livestock from emergency shelters to long-term homes, there are many volunteer groups hauling animals. The Santa Rosa Fairgrounds has a good network in place for moving horses out, but is not authorized to evacuate in hot zones.

PLEASE follow these procedures. Together, we can all help our animals, and start the recovery process for our communities.

Julie Atwood

The HALTER Project

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