

4 Winds Equestrian Center
Equine Evacuation Policy
Effective: June 1, 2017

In the event of a catastrophic situation such a fire, flood, etc., the following evacuation plan will go into effect for all equines located on 4 Winds property unless prior arrangements are made by the equine owner.

A: Prearranged evacuation sites/holding facilities -

First choice for evacuation is the Estancia fairgrounds site which is only 10 miles from our facility. Should that facility be compromised in some way, 4 Winds will move all equines to the Moriarty rodeo grounds. Final decision of evacuation location will be determined between 4 Winds and the Torrance County Emergency Management Agency.

B: Voluntary evacuation order-

1. When a voluntary evacuation order is issued for our area 4 winds will immediately confine all pasture horses to paddocks for easy access should the order become mandatory. 4 Winds will load the flatbed trailer with hay, feed, and water buckets. 4 Winds will also load any equine emergency buckets that owners have prepared for the care of their horses while away from the ranch.

2. All owners will be notified of the voluntary evacuation order by text or phone. If the owner wishes to move their horse to a safe facility of their own choosing at that time they are certainly welcome to do so. **However, 4 Winds will require that the owner submit their evacuation plan to the ranch so that it is on file. The owner must complete evacuation of their horse prior to a mandatory evacuation order being issued for 4 Winds.**

3. Trucks and trailers will be readied for transport and be held on standby until the evacuation order changes to either "stand down" or "mandatory".

4. A list of all available truck and trailer drivers will be compiled for evacuation of the horses. These drivers will be put on standby immediately upon receiving the voluntary evacuation order. Temporary living quarters will be provided at the ranch for any truck drivers who wish to stay until the crisis either passes or evacuation takes place.

5. Residents on 4 Winds property will be asked to get ready any important documents and keepsakes for immediate evacuation should it become mandatory. Pets should be kept close at hand so that they can be loaded quickly. Residents should also be prepared to either camp at the fairgrounds or have alternative lodging available.

6. Other volunteer entities such as Back Country Horsemen or NM Mounted Search and Rescue will be contacted for help with transport if needed.

C. **Mandatory evacuation order-**

The procedure will be as follows:

1. Mandatory Evacuation order is given - The flatbed trailer with all necessary items for the horses' comfort will be the first item to be taken to the fairgrounds. Along with the trailer will be a volunteer assigned to stay at the fairgrounds and help with unloading and placing of the horses in assigned pens as they arrive from the ranch. This volunteer will also be responsible for securing a camping spot for all those who will be staying at the fairgrounds during the evacuation. The volunteer can use caution tape to mark out a spot or let the CERT volunteers know that we will need a fairly big area for our camp so they can reserve it for us. Should the fairgrounds not have enough room for all of the horses, another volunteer will be dispatched to the secondary holding area to receive horses. Again a camping area will need to be secured for those staying to care for the horses.

2. As drivers/trailer owners arrive at 4 Winds they will be given a list of horses they will transport and immediately begin loading the assigned horses in an orderly manner. Each driver/trailer owner may need to make two trips to the fairgrounds/holding area and back depending on the number of volunteer transport trailers available to help.

3. Once all horses, pets and residents have evacuated the ranch John and/or Colleen along with the team leader will do a walk thru to verify the ranch is empty of occupants. The ranch will then be locked down and the sheriff's department notified that all occupants (animal and human) are gone.

4. If you have declined having your equine evacuated by 4 Winds: You must remove your equine from the ranch prior to the final walk thru or we will contact the Livestock Board to let them know we are removing your equine without your permission. We will then trailer your equine to the fairgrounds/holding area and you will need to provide the necessary transport/ownership paperwork to the Livestock Board to retrieve your equine.

D. **All Clear is given to Return to Ranch:**

1. All owners will be notified via phone calls or text messages that it is clear to return to the ranch.

2. Individuals at the fairgrounds/holding area will break camp first and return to ranch to prepare to bring in horses. Horses will then be transported back to ranch.