

HURRICANE LARGE ANIMAL RELEASE PROGRAM

A LOCAL PLAN FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING OF HORSES, IN DAVIE, FOR DAVIE RESIDENTS

The Town of Davie will open a neighborhood center to serve as holding area before and during a hurricane or natural disaster. In order to qualify for the temporary release program, you must be a Davie resident and your horses must live in Davie. The cost for the program is \$20.00 per horse. This fee must be included with your pre-registration form.

Before and After a Hurricane

The bond between horses and their human owners is strong. Horse owners in hurricane prone areas have a large responsibility to be sure that their animals are provided for in the event a hurricane threatens their area. As in many areas of our lives, planning well in advance pays off. Waiting until the storm watch is posted may be too late for you and your animals.

Remember

A storm watch means a hurricane poses a threat within 36 hours.

A storm warning means a hurricane is expected to strike the area within 24 hours. Make arrangements well before hurricane season (begins June 1 of each year) to insure that your animals have the best chance to survive at the worst with minor injuries.

Local Hurricane Turn-out Site Location

Once a hurricane warning has been issued, a site located at **4005 Hiatus Road/ Robbin's Lodge Park, for horses owned by Davie residents only will open**. This site will reopen to retrieve your horses when the winds have subsided to a minimum of 40 mph.

Important

You are encouraged to visit the site for yourself before completing your registration form to determine whether you feel it is safer than your current situation. Remember, this turn-out site is for horses that live in Davie and are owned by Davie residents ONLY.

Broward County

Broward County already has in place the "Large Animal Disaster Plan" which identifies all post hurricane needs for horses.

The Broward County plan is adequate in addressing the vital issues in case of injury of horses as well as facilities to hold them after the storm in case a horse is injured or cannot be immediately claimed by the owner. Please visit their web site at www.broward.org/disaster or contact them at (954) 831-4000.

Registration Procedure

You must obtain and complete the following forms prior to bringing your horse to the hurricane turn out site:

1. A completed Animal Registration Form
2. A completed, signed and notarized General Release Agreement
3. A completed and signed Good Samaritan Act: Immunity From Civil Liability Form.
4. A copy of your horse's current negative coggins report that clearly shows the owner's address.
5. Photo (profile) of your horse with your horse's name, owner's name, address and emergency contact number on the back of the photo.

If you have any questions, and or would like more information regarding how to preregister your horses, please do not hesitate to contact Bonnie Stafiej, Director of Special Projects at (954) 797-1163 or bonnie_stafiej@davie-fl.gov. When a storm warning is issued is not the time to call with questions, do it now.

Stallions will not be permitted for obvious reasons. Please do not bring hay or feed for your horses during their stay, water will be provided.

Payment Procedure

A registration fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per horse will be required and included with your registration form. No registration will be available at site.

Positive identification for each horse must be confirmed before removing your animal(s) from the site.

Identifying your animals well is a crucial part of getting them returned to you in the event that they get loose during a disaster. There are a number of recommended ways of clearly identifying your horses:

1. Spray paint your telephone number, including the area code, on the side of the animal with a contrasting shade of acrylic paint.
2. Braid luggage tags into the mane and tail with your name, address, and telephone numbers, and possibly with the numbers of out of the area contacts. Be sure the information is written in water proof ink, and tape the tags to water-proof them further.
3. Fetlock or mare bands with the appropriate information in waterproof ink.
4. Put the information in a sealed plastic bag, and tape it securely to the halter.
5. Horses can also be branded, tattooed, registered, or micro chipped to provide permanent forms of identification.

Animal Registration Form
Program is for Davie Residents Only

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY AND CLEARLY

OWNER'S
NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER(home) _____
PHONE NUMBER(cell/beeper) _____
PHONE NUMBER(work) _____

HORSE'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION(attach profile photo of each horse)
Stallions will not be permitted

<u>HORSE'S NAME</u>	<u>COLOR</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>BREED</u>	<u>AGE</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Total cost \$_____ (\$20.00 per horse)

Volunteers are needed at the site before and after the hurricane to help with registration and also returning the horses back to their owners. Volunteers will receive a discounted rate of 50% per horse.

Would you like to volunteer? ____YES ____NO

Please make sure this form is accompanied by:

- A copy of your negative coggins report
- A completed Animal Registration Form
- A signed and notarized General Release Agreement
- A signed "Good Samaritan Act" understanding

Mail immediately to: Town of Davie Horse Program
6591 Orange Drive
Davie, FL 33325
Attn: Bonnie Stafiej, Director

TEMPORARY HOUSING
GENERAL RELEASE AGREEMENT

Let it be known that "Owners of Premises" is the Town of Davie and "Lessee of Premises" is the Town caretaker or agent, shall hereinafter be referred to as "Owner and Lessee". Let it also be known that the property located at **4005 Hiatus Road/ Robbin's Lodge Park** shall hereinafter be referred to as "The Site". It is further known that hurricane turn-out registrants shall hereinafter be referred to as "owner of livestock".

This agreement shall serve to hold harmless Owner and Lessee from any and all actions resulting from injury or loss to any person choosing to release livestock at the site. It is also known that the site is being offered in accordance with the Good Samaritan Act and any parties in connection with the site, Owner and Lessee, shall not be responsible for any loss. It is further agreed that by the release of livestock, the owner of said livestock understands and agrees that Owner and Lessee does not imply or state in any way that the site is deemed safe.

"The owner of livestock shall fully release the Town of Davie, its officers, employees, or agents from any and all liability related to any losses that owners of livestock may incur due to the services provided herein, or any injury to livestock occurring while livestock is present upon the Town of Davie property. Nothing herein shall be deemed a waiver of sovereign immunity by the Town of Davie or act to grant to any party any rights herein."

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE GENERAL RELEASE AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, OPERATIONS AND EFFECT.

Print Name

Signature

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 2004.

Notary Seal

Notary Public Signature

GOOD SAMARITAN ACT: IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY

AN ACT relating to civil liability, prescribing the conditions under which a person rendering aid at the scene of a motor vehicle accident or disaster will be held liable for civil damages; provides an effective date.

WHEREAS, a person who is present at the scene of an accident or emergency is under no legal duty to aid the victim or victims thereof, and

WHEREAS, the fear of a suit for damages based on civil liability may cause laymen and doctors who might otherwise be inclined to help a victim at an accident or emergency to be reluctant to offer their aid, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of this act, known as the Good Samaritan Act, may erase this deterrent and may save a life by rendering assistance to a victim in an accident or emergency, NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

- 1) This act shall be known and cited as the "Good Samaritan Act".
- 2) Any person, including those licensed to practice medicine, who gratuitously and in good faith renders emergency care or treatment at the scene of an emergency outside of a hospital, doctor's office, or other place having proper medical equipment, without objection of the injured victim or victims thereof, shall not be held liable for any civil damages as a result of such care or treatment or as a result of any act or failure to act in providing or arranging further medical treatment where the person acts as an ordinary reasonable prudent man would have acted under the same or similar circumstances.
- 3) Any person, including those licensed to practice veterinary medicine, who gratuitously and in good faith renders emergency care or treatment to an injured animal at the scene of an emergency on or adjacent to a roadway shall not be held liable for any civil damages as a result of any act or failure to act in providing or arranging further medical treatment where the person acts as an ordinary reasonable prudent man would have acted under the same or similar circumstances.

I have read and agree with the above Florida States SS 768.13 1991 (Revised 6/20/01)

Signature of Horse Owner

Date