



Safe Haven Equine Emergency Rescue Trailer and Equipment Sponsorship Proposal

Our Mission

Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home Inc. is a volunteer based, non-profit organization, accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries and dedicated to the welfare of horses. Our goal is to rescue abused, neglected, or distressed horses. We work to bring these rescued horses back to optimal health and to find them loving homes. In some cases, due to age or disability, a horse will not be able to be adopted. For these horses, Safe Haven Equine Rescue and Retirement Home Inc. will provide a home where they can peacefully live out the rest of their life with love and dignity.



What We Are Looking For

Safe Haven Equine Rescue is seeking sponsors in order to raise funds for the purchase a new rescue trailer and equipment for our emergency response and rescue program. This program started in 2013 when 3 Board Members attended a rescue training class. During this class, Safe Haven learned that there was a huge gap between first responders and large animals. The goal of this program is to bridge that gap.

Why We Are Looking For Sponsors

Safe Haven Equine Rescue specializes in rescuing horses but all animals are important to us. It takes special equipment to rescue large animals. Most of that equipment is specialized to the animal we are rescuing. While we can use a special harness to lift a trapped horse we cannot use it for a cow. Instead, we must use what is called hip clips to lift cows. However, some of the equipment we use is the same such as, rope and pulleys, no matter what kind of animal we are saving. All the equipment we use meets NFPA (National Firefighters Protection Association) standards for rescue equipment. Making sure we have the top-quality equipment is a top priority for Safe Haven. In order to purchase a new rescue trailer and more equipment we need to raise \$65,000.

Rescue Team Volunteers

Our rescue and respond team has gone from 3 members in 2013 to 8 in 2017 and we are continuing to grow. The team consist of the following members:

- ❖ **Kerri Downs** – has over 20 years’ experience handling horses.
 - Certificate from FEMA for completion of Livestock In Disaster Class
 - Certificate from FEMA for completion of Incident Command Systems
 - Certificate from FEMA for completion of Animals In Disasters: Community Planning
 - Certificate from FEMA for completion of Animals In Disasters: Awareness and Preparedness
 - Certificate from Code 3 for completion of 24 hours of Water Animal Rescue Operations
 - Certificate from Code 3 for completion of 16 hours of Large Animal Rescue Operations
 - Certificate from Code 3 for completion of 8 hours of Basic Equine Awareness and Rescue
 - Certified CPR / AED / First-Aid for Infant, Child, and Adult
- ❖ **Debbie Fincher** – has over 15 years’ experience handling horses.
 - Certificate from Code 3 for completion of 16 hours of Large Animal Rescue Operations
 - Certificate from Code 3 for completion of 8 hours of Basic Equine Awareness and Rescue
 - Certified CPR / AED / First-Aid for Infant, Child, and Adult
- ❖ **Richard Fincher** – has over 40 years’ experience handling horses.
 - Certificate from FEMA for completion of Livestock In Disaster Class
 - Certificate from FEMA for completion of Incident Command Systems
 - Certificate from FEMA for completion of Animals In Disasters: Community Planning
 - Certificate from FEMA for completion of Animals In Disasters: Awareness and Preparedness
 - Certificate from Code 3 for completion of 24 hours of Water Animal Rescue Operations
 - Certificate from Code 3 for completion of 16 hours of Large Animal Rescue Operations
 - Certificate from Code 3 for completion of 8 hours of Basic Equine Awareness and Rescue
 - Certified CPR / AED / First-Aid for Infant, Child, and Adult
- ❖ **Steven Phippen** – has over 5 years’ experience handling horses.
 - Certificate from Code 3 for completion of 8 hours of Basic Equine Awareness and Rescue
 - Certified CPR / AED / First-Aid for Infant, Child, and Adult
- ❖ **James Reed** – has over 20 years’ experience handling horses.
 - Certified CPR / AED / First-Aid and Bloodborne Pathogens
 - Certificate from Code 3 for completion of 16 hours of Large Animal Rescue Operations
 - Certificate from Code 3 for completion of 24 hours of Water Animal Rescue Operations

- ❖ **Robin Reese** – has over 15 years’ experience handling horses.
 - Certificate from Code 3 for the completion of ASAR Field Skills & Pet CPR / Animal 1st Aid
- ❖ **Brenda Sweeney** – has over 5 years’ experience handling horses.
 - Certificate from Code 3 for the completion of 16 hours of Large Animal Rescue Operations
- ❖ **Shannon Willis** – has over 25 years’ experience handling horses.
 - Equine Behavioral Specialist

Who We Are

Safe Haven Equine Rescue is a 501c3 organization ran by volunteers, no one receives any compensation for the work they do. We have a board of directors that consist of 9 people who are dedicated to saving the lives of animals. Since its founding in 1999, Safe Haven Equine Rescue has rescued over 800 horses, cows, donkeys, and other animals.

Why We Do What We Do

In 2013, Safe Haven learned that when natural disasters strike people worry for the safety of their animals and won’t leave them behind during an evacuation. While first responders are only worried about getting people out of harm’s way. This situation which is already stressful becomes more stressful and dangerous. The same is true when a sudden disaster hits such as a tornado with no warning. First responders are rescuing people trapped in houses, hurt, or stranded due to flooding and not rescuing the animals. This again causes more stress on the animal owners who view these animals as family members or in some cases, such as a ranch the animals are the livelihood of the owners.

During past disasters animal owners complained that no one was helping their animals and EMS (Emergency Management Services) were frustrated with many animal owners. Safe Haven Equine Rescue bridges the gap between animal owners and EMS by evacuating and rescuing these beloved animals, removing the unneeded stress on EMS and animal owners.

Facts About Large Animal Rescue

From 2012 – 2014 there were 1,043 natural disasters worldwide. During these disasters, there were over 3.1 million animals displaced, injured, or killed. Of the 3.1 million animals, roughly 36% of them were livestock animals (horses, cows, sheep, goats, pigs, etc.). That’s 1,116,000 animals. Roughly 10% (111,600) of those were here in the United States.

First Responders and EMS are great and highly trained at saving the lives of many people. However, they are not trained in how to handle animals that are in distress. Animals cannot talk to us to let us know what’s going on, it takes years of handling animals and specialized training. Safe Haven Equine Rescue has that experience and training.

Additional Information

There is additional information attached to this proposal, the attachments are listed below.

- ❖ Line item budget for equipment
- ❖ Trailer / Rescue Equipment Company Sponsorship Packages

If you need additional information or have any questions please feel free to contact us.



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