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ANIMAL PREPAREDNESS

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Henze Louise Marvin with "Henny Penny."

Brandi Augello with her horse, "Izzy," and a tattoo with a Celtic design of horse-headed, fish-tailed river spirits called Kelpies.

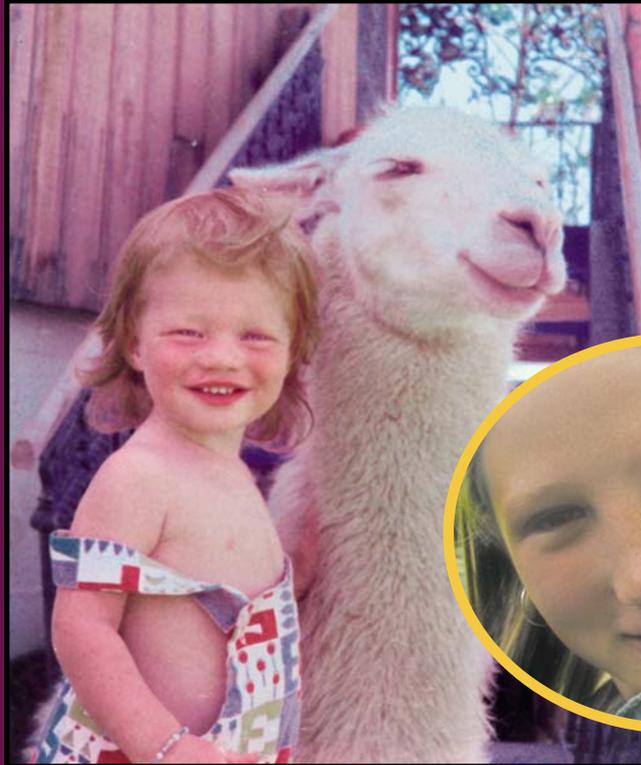


Cassie Fitzgerald on 14-year-old mule "Kentucky Darla."



Bill Buerge with eight-week-old bottle-fed Black Belly Barbados Sheep.

Topangans Are Passionate about Pets!



*Lewis Beach Marvin the Fourth
with "Salvador Dali Llama."*



Annie Bateman with chick.



Lifelong Fernwood resident Joanna Gunst with her beloved kitty, "Mini."

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On February 10, 2005, Knotty, shown at right, and his owner-trainer, Topangan Lyn Sherman, won Best of Breed at the Super Bowl of dog shows, the Westminster Dog Show in New York City.

KNOTTY

DOGS & CATS

and Other Small Animals

Assemble a Portable Pet Disaster Supplies Kit

Whether you are away from home for a day or a week, you'll need essential supplies. Keep items in an accessible place and store them in sturdy containers that can be carried easily (duffel bags, covered trash containers, etc.). Your pet disaster supply kit should include:

- *Medications and medical records (stored in a waterproof container) and a First Aid Kit.*
- *Leashes, harnesses, and/or carriers to transport pets safely and ensure that your animals can't escape.*
- *Current photos of your pets in case they get lost.*
- *Food, potable water, bowls, cat litter and pan, and can opener.*
- *Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to foster or board your pets.*
- *Pet beds and toys, if easily transportable.*

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Have a Safe Place to Take Your Pets

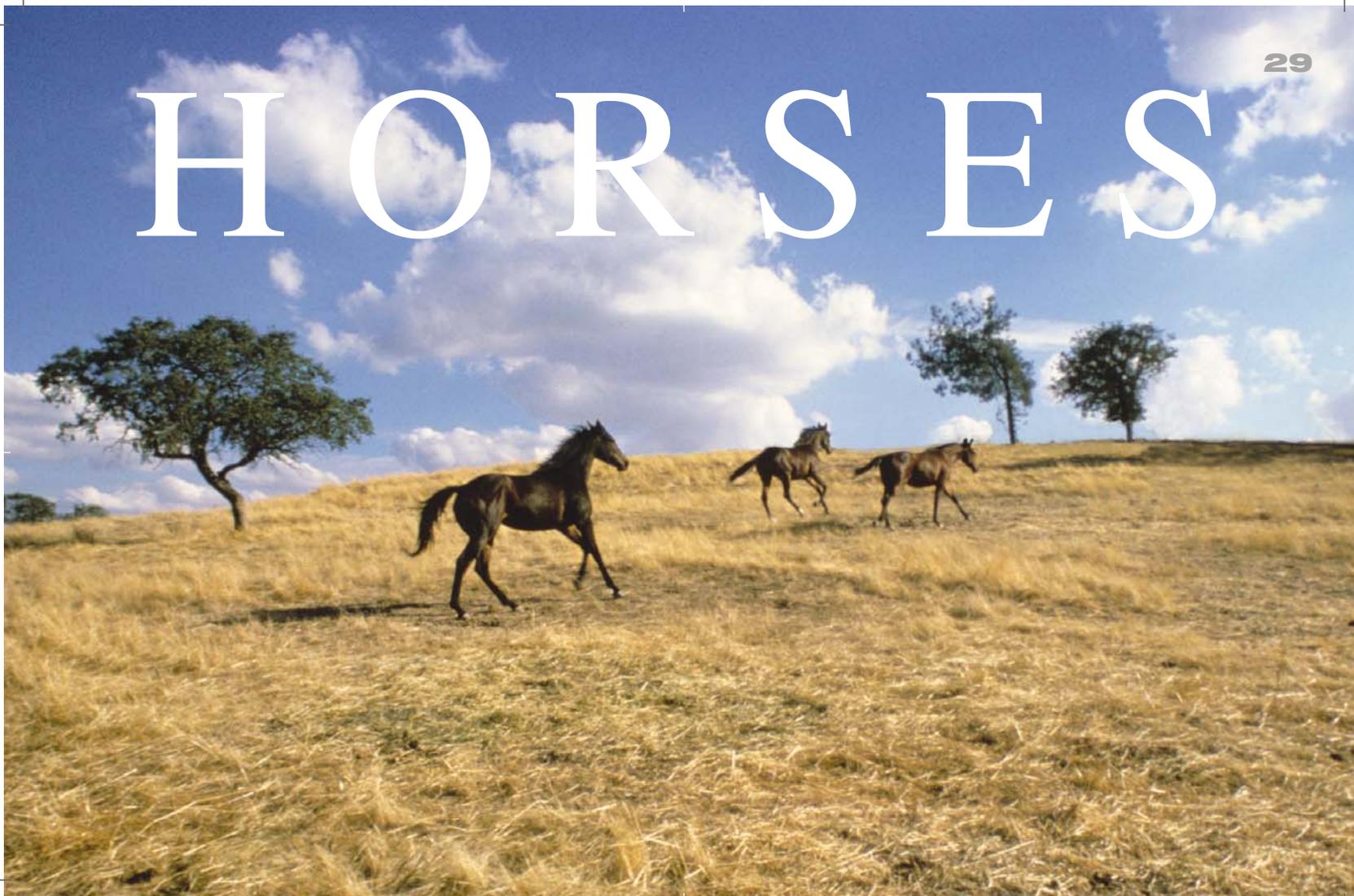
- *Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area to check policies on accepting pets and restrictions on number, size, and species.*
- *Ask friends, relatives, or others outside the affected area whether they could shelter your animals.*
- *If you have more than one pet, they may be more comfortable if kept together, but be prepared to house them separately.*
- *Prepare a list of boarding facilities and veterinarians who could shelter animals in an emergency (include 24-hour phone numbers).*

Make Sure Your Pet Is Clearly Identified

- *Make sure all dogs and cats are wearing collars with securely fastened current identification.*
- *Attach the phone number and address of your temporary shelter, if you know it, or of a friend or relative outside the disaster area.*
- *You can buy temporary tags or put adhesive tape on the back of your pet's ID tag, adding information with an indelible pen.*
- *Identification microchips are highly recommended.*

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HORSES



MAKE SURE YOU HAVE:

- *Halter with identification tag and lead rope for each horse.*
- *Food, feed bucket, and any medications.*
- *Vaccination and identification forms with current photos.*
- *First Aid Kit with wraps.*
- *Download “What Do I Do with My Horse during a Fire, Flood, and/or Earthquake” at www.etinational.com (click on “Doc and Forms” link).*

HAVE AN EVACUATION PLAN:

- *Train horses to lead and trailer.*
- *Keep your truck and trailer in safe, working condition.*
- *Make prior arrangements for sheltering.*
- *Work with your Neighborhood Network (described later in this section) to help ensure that everyone gets out early or can safely shelter in place, if necessary.*
- *Evacuate early! Go as soon as you hear an Evacuation Warning. Do not wait for an Evacuation Order. (See section 7 for more information about evacuations.)*

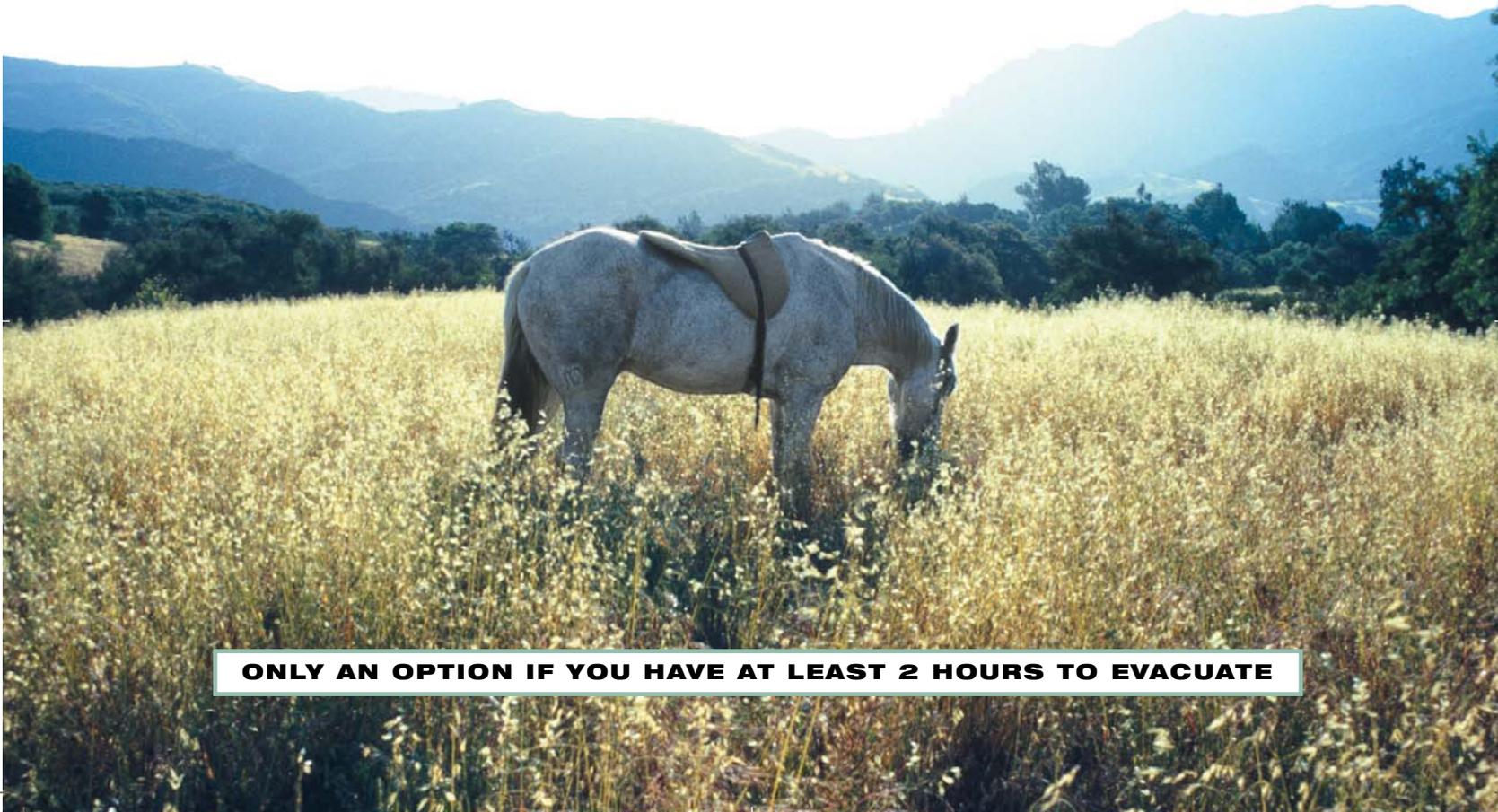
O T H E R L A R G E A N I M A L S

- *Prior to evacuating yourself, prepare animals to shelter in place for at least three days.*
- *Provide adequate clearance (remove hay or any brush from the corral or pen environment).*
- *Provide sufficient food and water.*
- *Suggested water supply is 20 to 30 gallons per day.*
- *Prior to evacuating, please do not let your large animals run loose.*
- *Although your instinct may be to let your animals loose in the event of a wildland fire, your animals are safer in their corrals. In fact, in the 1993 Old Topanga Fire, the one horse fatality was a horse that was let loose.*

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EQUINE PICKUP POINTS

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ONLY AN OPTION IF YOU HAVE AT LEAST 2 HOURS TO EVACUATE

EQUINE PICKUP POINTS THROUGHOUT THE CANYON HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED by volunteers. These are intended as “PARK AND LOAD” areas for horses and for other large animals. Volunteers can park a horse trailer only long enough to load horses after they have been walked to the location.

- **Equine pickup points are not a safe place to tie and leave horses!**
- **NEVER LEAVE YOUR HORSE UNATTENDED!**
- **Equine pickup point locations vary, depending on the severity and location of the disaster.**

IF ONE OR MORE OF THESE SITES IS ACTIVATED DURING A GIVEN DISASTER, the information will be made available on the T-CEP Web site (www.t-cep.org), or can be obtained by calling 310-455-3000.

BEFORE attempting to walk your horse to an EQUINE PICKUP POINT, you must:

- **make sure your horse is trailer-trained.**
- **know that the pickup point has been activated and there is someone there to receive your horse.**

NEVER LEAVE YOUR HORSE UNATTENDED AT AN EQUINE PICKUP POINT.

Pet and Vet Information

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| PET NAME | TYPE | AGE | SPECIAL NEEDS / MEDS / VACCINATIONS |
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