PVPHA members learn to braid

by NICOLE MOORADIAN
DISPATCH EDITOR

The Aug. 20 Palos Verdes Peninsula Horsemen’s Association general meeting featured a braiding demonstration from PVPHA Vice President of Education Tiffany Chiu. More than a dozen people attended and practiced braiding manes and tails on five horses that ranged in size from 7 to 15 hands high. Attendees practiced continental, hunter, unicorn, waterfall and running braids.

Special thanks go to former Vice President of Education Betsy Schoettlin for organizing the meeting!

Annual ice cream social

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All Palos Verdes Peninsula Horsemen’s Association members are invited to say “Goodbye” to summer and “Hello” to fall at the organization’s annual ice cream social on Sept. 17 at the Empty Saddle Club in Rolling Hills Estates at 7 p.m. The ice cream social replaces the regular membership meeting.

As a reminder, the Empty Saddle Club requests that meeting attendees leave their dogs at home.
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NEWS BRIEFS

Upper Si’s, Evan Shaw trails closed for utility vault installation

Upper Si’s Trail and Evan Shaw Trail in Rolling Hills will be closed throughout September and October—possibly into November—while Southern California Edison installs six very large underground utility vaults along Portuguese Bend Road, according to Rolling Hills Community Manager Kristen Raig.

As part of the installation, SCE will have excavators and cranes operating along Portuguese Bend Road between Pine Tree Lane and Crest Road.

City Celebration to feature Poker Ride

The PVPHA’s annual Poker Ride will once again be held in conjunction with the Rolling Hills Estates City Celebration on Sept. 26.

Sign up from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. at Chandler Arena; participants can ride alone or with friends. Those who choose not to ride may purchase hands at the PVPHA booth at the Empty Saddle Club. All proceeds will support equestrian activities in Rolling Hills Estates.

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at 2 p.m. at the PVPHA booth at the Empty Saddle Club.

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by HARDY ZANTKE
SPECIAL TO THE DISPATCH

I enjoyed the popular horse-centric expressions, and can add one from the horse-driving end: You all know where the term “nightmare” comes from for a bad dream?

It comes from the stagecoach days, when the horses were changed at each stop often in a very quick matter—like just a few minutes. So, new horses were hitched to the coach and the old one stayed at the inn. Naturally each innkeeper was eager to keep the best horses and get rid of the bad ones.

During the day, the coachman would reject any obviously really bad horse, so the innkeeper would sneak the worst ones into an outgoing team at a quick horse change stop at night.

The poor coachman had to drive on with that bad horse in his team, which became a real nightmare for him until he could get rid of it again at his next stop.

Email letters to the editor to pvpsha2010@gmail.com. Letters may be edited for spelling, grammar, punctuation and style.
Equine Response Team seeks volunteers

by NICOLE MOORADIAN
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The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control is seeking new volunteers for its Equine Response Team—a group of qualified, trained and certified volunteers who help evacuate horses and other livestock from places in danger, whether due to a natural disaster or other emergency.

The ERT is part of Animal Care and Control’s Emergency Response Program, which includes both volunteers and animal control officers who are trained to deal with small and large animals during an emergency.

The ERT has many volunteers based throughout Los Angeles County. These volunteers are trained and certified to operate with other county response units.

To apply to become a member of the ERT, email ERT@animalcare.lacounty.gov. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. (A volunteer application is available on Pages 8-9.)

Once accepted into the program but before any training can take place, volunteers must complete prerequisite courses, including Incident Command Systems courses from the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Emergency Management Institute, as well as classes in CPR and first aid, among others, according to Lisa Eldridge of the Department of Animal Care and Control.

The most recent training session was held Sept. 12 in Gardena.

Horses are evacuated from their stables during a disaster. The Department of Animal Care and Control’s Equine Response Team specializes in evacuating horses and other livestock from areas that are threatened by wildfire or other natural disasters.
A 1.5-acre brush fire that charred Palos Verdes Estates parkland near the Palos Verdes Estates Golf Club in mid-August served as a reminder to homeowners and equestrians alike that California is in the midst of a severe four-year drought.

Brush fires have already burned hundreds of acres across Southern California this year.

With California’s dry weather, fires are always a danger. According to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection—also known as CAL FIRE—wildfire season generally runs from mid-May to November. Since the end of August, more than 300 square miles of California have burned.

In light of this, here are some safety tips for horse and livestock owners from the Federal Emergency Management Administration and the Los Angeles County Emergency Survival Guide.

**Wildfires: Preparedness Actions (FEMA)**

Have fire tools handy at your home and in your barn: ladders, garden or fire hoses, fire extinguishers, gas-operated water pumps, shovels, axes, hoes, rakes and buckets. Additionally, keep a generator; a portable AM/FM radio with spare batteries; handheld walkie-talkies and a handheld scanner with spare batteries; and masks, goggles, heavy working gloves and bandanas handy. Make sure fire extinguishers are mounted near barn entrances and around the stables for easy access.
Clear leaves, dead brush and other vegetation from around your house or barn to serve as a fire break. The minimum distance for a fire break varies based on types of trees, the surrounding landscape slope, and the construction of buildings. The Los Angeles County Fire Department recommends 200 feet.

- Install sprinkler systems for buildings on your property, and lawn sprinkler systems outdoors.
- When constructing pools and ponds, make them accessible to fire equipment—they may serve as a source of water for fighting wildfires.
- Have hoses that are long enough to reach all parts of your building.
- Use fire carefully and wisely so that you do not cause a wildfire.
- Keep chimneys clean and install a spark arrestor.
- Avoid open burning during dry weather.
- Store firewood away from your home and barns.
- Store hay, sawdust, or straw in a building separate from where animals are housed. This is especially important during the summer when freshly cured hay can suddenly ignite from spontaneous combustion.
- Store gas and other hazardous materials in separate buildings from animals.
- Be extremely careful with open flame when shoeing horses or welding.
- Teach all personnel working with animals where the fire extinguishers are and how to use them. Practice a fire drill every month throughout the fire season.
- Implement and enforce no-smoking policies on your property.

Wildfires: Mitigation Measures (FEMA)
- Learn to recognize dangerous fire conditions and consult with your local fire department on how to improve the safety of your house and barns.
- Use only fire-resistant materials on the exterior of your home or barn, including the roof, siding, decking, and trim.
- Corrals should be built with metal pipe, not PVC or wood.
- Use fire-resistant plants on your property. Check with local fire officials or a nursery about the best species for your area.

Wildfires: Response Actions (FEMA)
- Wet down roofs and other surfaces that might be damaged by fire. Be sure that your efforts do not jeopardize the water supply and pressure needed by firefighters.

Continued on the next page.

Equine evacuation kit checklist

- First Aid kit with wraps, sharp knife, hoof pick
- Duct tape to write identification on horse halters
- Head lamp light (much better than flashlight when working with large animals)
- Water buckets
- Blanket or sheet
- Wire cutters
- Portable radio

- Halters with identification tags and lead ropes for each horse.
- Vaccination and identification forms with current photos
- Food, feed buckets, medications for 7–10 days
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to board your horse(s).
Horses and other large animals should be evacuated as soon as an evacuation warning is issued. House pets should be leashed or crated and taken with you.

If you are evacuating horses when the fire is close, it may help to blindfold them. If there is time, place pieces of cloth around the horses’ nostrils to reduce the inhalation of smoke; wet the horses’ tails and manes; and remove blankets.

If someone is evacuating your horses for you, be sure to exchange phone numbers, California Drivers License numbers and other relevant information with him or her. Know where your horses will be taken.

If you are unable to take livestock with you, let them out of the barn and close all the doors; however, don’t turn animals loose. A loose horse may run back into a burning barn if it gets frightened. Loose horses may also cause serious problems for first responders. If possible, turn horses out in an arena with sufficient brush and tree clearance and a metal fence.

Turn off the power and gas, and disconnect any electrical fences.

**Wildfires: Recovery Tips**

Monitor all animals exposed to fire for smoke inhalation pneumonia, the most common cause of fire-related death. Consult a veterinarian for any burn injuries. Additionally, you may wish to have a veterinarian check your horse for smoke inhalation, signs of stress and colic.

Check any areas where animals and people will be for dangerous debris. Galvanized metal heated during a fire may be coated with toxic residues. If this occurs to your pasture fences, they need to be cleaned before any animals come in contact with them.

Don’t allow animals into areas where there may be ash pits (root systems that have burned underground).

Take care when re-entering burned areas. There may be hot spots that could flare up without warning. Partially burned structures and trees can be very unstable, and may suddenly fall over.

Do not tie animals to burned trees.

Consult with your insurance agent and have damages assessed as soon as possible. Take pictures or a video of damages.

It’s also good to prepare an equine disaster kit. See the list in the gray box on Page 7 for items you may wish to include in your disaster kit. To learn more about the Equine Response Team, see Page 5.
# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
# DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL
# EQUINE RESPONSE TEAM VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

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Have you, as a juvenile or adult, ever been convicted, fined, imprisoned, or placed on probation or suspended, or have you forfeited bail in connection with any offence (except for traffic tickets which involved faulty equipment, parking, hand signals or speeding) in any civil or military court of law? Include convictions dismissed under Penal Code 1203.4 and any major traffic offenses resulting in a warrant.

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, please explain:

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## SECTION 3: MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

Do you have medical coverage?

- [ ] YES
- [ ] NO

* Volunteers are strongly encouraged to have their own medical insurance coverage. The County of Los Angeles does provide some limited medical coverage. If you do not have Medical Insurance coverage, you may still become a member of our volunteer team.

## SECTION 4: A CURRENT, VALID DRIVER’S LICENSE, VEHICLE AND MEDICAL INSURANCE ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL ERT VOLUNTEERS. PHOTOCOPIES MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM.

Driver’s License Number:  
Class C [ ]  Class A [ ]

Vehicle Insurance Company Name:  
Policy Number:

Medical Insurance Company Name:  
Policy Number:

How did you hear about ERT?

- [ ] Friend
- [ ] Newspaper
- [ ] TV/Radio
- [ ] Brochure
- [ ] Social Media
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**SECTION 5: EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS**

Do you currently volunteer with any other emergency response or animal welfare organizations? If so please list:

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Education: □ High School □ Jr. College □ Bachelors □ Masters □ PhD □ Other: ______________

Do you currently own horses/livestock? If so please list:

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Do you have any specialized training:

□ First Aid - Humans □ First Aid - Animals □ CPR □ ICS □ Other □ Animal handling

I have experience handling the following animals:

□ Horses □ Donkey/Mules □ Cattle
□ Pigs □ Goats □ Wildlife
□ Dogs □ Cats □ Other: ______________

Briefly describe your experience with horses and/or livestock:

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I wish to be an active member in:

□ Evacuation Team □ Activation Team □ Sheltering Team □ I have my own truck/trailer

Signature: ___________________________ Today’s Date: ___________________
JOIN THE PVPHA

To join the Palos Verdes Peninsula Horsemen’s Association, clip and mail this form to
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PO Box 4153
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

Name: ____________________________
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