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**Large Animal Emergency Response Unit funded by Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch to
be Based in Napa Valley**

Napa, CA - Napa Valley-based animal rescue nonprofit [Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch](#) (JARR) unveiled a ***Large Animal Emergency Response Unit*** to be used in the event of natural disasters or accidents involving large animals. The emergency response trailer was unveiled this weekend at JARR's yearly major fundraiser, [WineaPAWlooza](#). The trailer has been dedicated to the Roth family of New York, long time supporters of the domestic and farmed animal rescue, and will be used in collaboration with the recently formed [Napa Community Animal Response Team](#) (CART), [UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine](#) and the [County of Napa Emergency Services](#).

"Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch supports assistance for all domestic animals, and given the need for this emergency response trailer – awareness heightened by the devastating Valley Fire of 2015 - we were extremely honored to be able to help NCART and NCAS and know that JARR would be part of saving large animals lives. One of our largest benefactors, the Larry + Nanci Roth family from New York, have horses and thought it very appropriate to dedicate this trailer in their honor"

The goal for the trailer is to assist in the rescue of large non-ambulatory animals in crisis and for evacuation purposes. It will also serve as a training vehicle for disaster response teams and to raise public awareness on how to appropriately evacuate their large animals.

An investment in the animal component of disaster preparedness is critical to ensuring a safe response and recovery for the Napa Valley community. The idea for the rescue rig emerged from the Valley Fire experience where local officials were overwhelmed with the human emergency response, and many animals were left behind. A large, search and rescue effort ensued which validated the need for the trailer and additional volunteer training. With approximately 5,000 horses and an untold number of farm animals located in the Napa Valley area the need to have a recovery and rescue vehicle on hand became apparent.

The emergency response trailer is a Sundowner Sportman 3H Slant Bumper Pull which can carry up to three large animals. It is equipped with a winch, articulated mannequin (for training), plastic sleds, a large animal lift, a loading ramp and lights, and multiple ropes and gear designed to improve successes associated with moving horses and other large animals from danger.

Dr. Claudia Sonder, Director of Equine Outreach at UC Davis Center for Equine Health said, “Thanks to JARR, and OES Director Kevin Twohey, Napa county is now one of a handful of counties in California equipped with a Large Animal response trailer. The goal of this unit will be to train and integrate first responders, veterinarians and volunteers, and to respond to incidents involving animals. We are fortunate to have great training resources with the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, and the North Valley Animal Disaster Group, and we are looking forward to working with the county.”

The most common incident that first responders are called to deal with involving large animals are horse trailer accidents, and the unit will be made available for training to assist in helping rescue teams handle these situations appropriately. The logistics of handling large animals who are stressed and injured are different from rescuing domestic cats and

dogs and educating first responders, owners, and disaster rescue teams how to de-escalate a situation is important for everyone's safety.

The Napa Office of Emergency Services endorses an integrated effort to bolster community training and certification to improve response capability for future events and offers CERT training with the county. <http://www.napavalleycert.com/>

“This is really about people, if you can respond appropriately to someone's animal you keep them from risking themselves as well,” Sonder said. “ The need to keep citizens and first responders safe is paramount in crisis situations involving large animals.”

Animal emergency training takes place at the Napa Valley Horsemen's Association facility on the first Thursday of every month. For more info click here www.NapaCART.org

About Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch

Founded in June 2014 by David and Monica Stevens (proprietors of [750 Wines](#)), [Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch](#) (JARR) is a no-kill rescue and sanctuary in the Napa Valley for companion and farmed animals in need. The nonprofit provides transitional and permanent shelter, adoption and rescue services, humane education, animal advocacy, and is committed to ending animal hunger, cruelty, and overpopulation. JARR also collaborates with and acts as a liaison for various animal rescue groups locally and statewide.

JARR's vision includes building a state-of-the-art, cage-free animal rescue and sanctuary uniquely serving the physical and emotional needs of all of its companion and farmed animal residents. Renowned architect Howard Backen of [Backen, Gillam & Kroeger Architects](#) and Tim McDonald of [Centric Construction](#) are generously leading the building and design team for the Ranch.

Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch is a 501(c)(3) registered nonprofit organization. To learn more about the Ranch and how you can help, please visit <http://www.jamesonanimalrescueranch.org>.

About The Napa Community Animal Response Team

The Napa Community Animal Response Team (CART), is a local effort to raise awareness, offer training to volunteers, and build resources to be prepared for the next disaster or animal related Emergency. The goal of this group is to organize trained volunteers into a county resource that will be ready and able to assist in the next disaster. The group has active large animal and small animal members and welcomes those interested in joining the growing volunteer base. Part of this goal involves acquiring large animal specific equipment that can be used to train first responders and veterinarians.