**TECHNICAL LARGE ANIMAL EMERGENCY RESCUE**

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

TLAER training participants will be taught how to safely prepare for and approach large animal incidents. Examples of incidents include overturned and wrecked trailers or livestock haulers, large animals loose on the road, large animals stuck in a swimming pool or mud, large animals tangled in farm equipment, and barn fires. This program also covers incidents where people may be trapped with the animal. There are too many stories of good-intended “heroic rescues” where the animal or its rescuer is injured or killed during the rescue.

Attendees will also be given instruction on behavior of large animals in rescue situations, how to use the equipment your emergency department already owns to solve TLAER incidents, protocol and safety procedures, and how to interact with other resources that may already exist in your community to find an appropriate solution.

This course combines classroom instruction with a variety of audio-visual, demonstration, and hands-on laboratory work as a team. Laboratory includes live animal handling and practice with hands-on work for each student.

**INSTRUCTORS**

**Tomas Gimenez,** Dr. Med Vet. has provided certificate training courses in TLAER for the past 10 years to emergency responders nationwide. He is actively involved in disaster animal preparedness within his home state and southeast region. Dr. Gimenez is also actively involved with the National Disaster Medical System / National Veterinary Response Team (NVRT), the AAEP Disaster Task Force, the International Society of Fire Service Instructors, and the National Fire Protection Association.

**Rebecca M. Gimenez,** Ph.D is a Major in the US Army Signal Corps (359th SIG BDE, GA). She has been a large animal emergency rescue instructor for the past ten years. She trains the demonstrator animals used for TLAER courses, and gives clinics in ground handling skills to local equine enthusiasts. She is an active member of the National Disaster Medical System / National Veterinary Response Teams, and the Veterinary Emergency Critical Care Society.

In their spare time, Tomas and Rebecca are passionate about animal disaster and emergency issues. They are active in local response to large animal emergency response scenarios, as well as neglect and abuse cases. They read voraciously, write scientific research papers, and give invited presentations at symposiums and conferences.

**DEMONSTRATION ANIMALS - The Real Stars.**

Trained demonstration animals (horses and a llama) will be used to provide realistic, hands on training. These animals are raised from birth using imprinting methods and desensitization / familiarization techniques. They go to their first public training at about six months and then become a permanent part of the demonstration team.
Natural or man-made emergencies and disasters can happen at anytime.

The only defense we have is PREPARATION!

TLAER training demonstrates the basic concepts applicable to SAFE and EFFECTIVE methods of technical rescue of injured livestock.

**TLAER Training Topics:**

- Emergency & Disaster Preparedness
- Basic Concepts in Large Animal Rescue
- Containment, Handling & Restraint of Live Animals
- Leading & Loading of Live Animals
- HAZMAT Issues in TLAER
- Incident Command System in TLAER
- The Large Animal Veterinarian, Owner, Animal Control
- Emergency Field Euthanasia
- Basic TLAER Rescue Equipment
- Intro to Mechanical & Rope Systems in TLAER
- Forward Assist, Backwards Drag, Hampshire Slip
- Manipulation of Live Large Animals
- Simple Vertical Lift Systems
- Trailer Incident Response
- Livestock Trailer Overturns
- Response to Fire (barn fires, wild fires)
- Agro-terrorism & Foreign Animal Disease
- Disasters and TLAER Response
- Evacuation Planning (emergency & disaster)
- Night Search & Rescue Operational Exercise
- Employment of the Rescue Glide
- Water Rescue Scenarios (water, ice, mud)

**REGISTRATION FEES**

- **Hands On (limited to 30)**
  - Advanced: $250  At Door: $300
  - Lectures & Demonstrations
  - Advanced: $100  At Door: $150

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