

TEMPORARY SHELTERS

for farm animals

Why are they necessary?

Farm and backyard animals are a key element for economic and social development

A temporary shelter helps protect labor, food, and sustenance sources for farming and livestock production

In Mexico



73% of national territory is devoted to farming and livestock production*



38 million people are dependent on this sector*

Be careful! In emergencies, animal nervousness may cause them to **behave in an unpredictable way**

If you cannot evacuate them or take them to a safer area, **turn them loose so they can seek their own shelter**

Suggestions

Identify evacuation routes to **decide on the type of transportation to be used**

Practice evacuation drills

Locate places that can serve as temporary shelters **away from risk areas**

As much as possible, **avoid mobilizing animals without the appropriate permit**

Owners, supported by authorities, are responsible to keep a safe place for pets

Animal protection guidelines



Make sure every animal is **properly identified**



Keep their **vaccines and deworming** registration current, and keep them at hand



Gather food for them and **identify clean water sources** they can drink from



Constantly update an inventory of your animals

Be informed

Centro Nacional de Prevención de Desastres
www.gob.mx/cenapred

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Animal wellbeing

Fostering social resilience

Socioeconomic impact

With the loss or death of animals as a result of disasters, communities lose their way of life and their wellbeing, which makes them more vulnerable and decreases their capability to recover



In the 200-2012 period, the economic impact on the Mexican farming and livestock sector exceeded



42 000
million pesos

Civil protection programs in rural and urban environments must include plans to safeguard animals during emergencies, since they provide the following benefits



Adequate care and health control reduce the possibility of animals becoming ill and prevents the spread of diseases



During evacuation, animals help to mobilize families, because they know that their pets will have temporary shelter and food

The power of being prepared

Informed people can mitigate the negative effects of disturbing events through actions that reduce existing risks and hinder the appearance of new ones



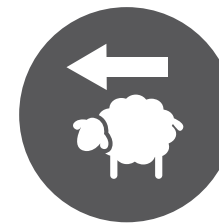
Develop emergency plans that include the animals



Train in animal care



Build and/or strengthen animal shelters



Identify the way to evacuate the animals in case of an event, taking care of their security



Develop early warning systems with authorities in your area



Support those in need with water and food



Implement vaccination programs



Prepare census to identify characteristics and needs animals have