



Once again, wildfires spark equestrian community's remarkable generosity.

Myriad efforts to help equine and human fire victims exist throughout the state and beyond. Individuals have started GoFundMe pages, equipment drives and other efforts for specific barns or people. Tack and feed stores throughout the state welcome donations that can be put toward helping horse owning fire victims with whatever supplies they most need. Those caring for evacuated horses concur that monetary donations are the best way for out-of-area horse people and the general public to help.

Here are a few of the many donation-worthy entities working to help affected horses.

- Northern California Association of Equine Practitioners
- North Valley Animal Disaster Group in Butte Valley
- Butte County Animal Agriculture Assistance Fund
- Butte Valley Pony Club
- UC Davis Veterinary Catastrophic Need Fund
- Humane Society of Ventura County
- Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation
- Camelot Equestrian Park Foundation
- Southern California Equine Emergency Evacuation – Donation Coordination
- USEF Equine Disaster Relief Fund

The Camelot Equestrian Park Foundation is among the entities grateful to the equestrian community's trademark generosity in this time of extreme need. This Nov. 16 Facebook post explains their situation and how the contributions will be put to use.

“To all of Camelot’s amazing friends, I know many of you have seen this photo and have been very concerned about Camelot. Camelot is OK, the fire has blackened most of the trail area, melted some equipment but was stopped at the north side of the cross country course. All the horses and humans are fine.

“We are still in the evacuated zone so we are currently isolated by the road blocks. We have been able to get a few employees in to help care for the approximately 50 horses that are now here. Our amazing local veterinarians along with NVADG have been going up to Paradise, Concow and Magalia to bring out the animals that they can catch or feed and water those that they cannot. They are true heroes. 20 of the horses that we have here are among those that were brought down.

There has been an overwhelming outpouring of concern offers of help and donations coming in. Once the roadblocks are lifted we expect that many more horses will be coming to stay at Camelot while their owners try to rebuild their lives. We will use the donations coming in to help feed and care for these horses. We have over 70 paddocks that are now available, we will set up more as needed. The Foundation has been raising funds this year to add more covered stabling for use by the park and the Evacuation Center here at Camelot, looks like we chose the right project for 2018.

Many of you have donated since this horrific event. All of your donated funds will be used to care and provide shelter for the displaced animals now and in the future. Thank you all! The horse community is such an amazing group of people! I will let you all know when they open up the roadblocks.

*\*Donations can be made online at Camelot Equestrian Park Foundation [www.camelotequestrianpark.com/donate.html](http://www.camelotequestrianpark.com/donate.html), or mail a check to the Foundation at PO Box 7804, Chico, CA 95927.*