

The community in Alberta really pulled together this past week to help out their own fellow neighbours, friends, family, strangers and four legged animals. The equine community was very quick to respond to social media outlets asking for all kinds of support for flood victims and their livestock. The Alberta Equestrian Federation's Facebook post asking for help on Thursday June 20th at 6:39pm was shared 349 times accompanied by 135 comments and offers for assistance with livestock in need. These offers came from all over Alberta and included all types of livestock assistance: everything from transportation to stabling, to pasture and included pet friendly accommodations in people's homes. The response was overwhelming and we truly saw the horse community in Alberta unite to help their own out.

After the water has begun to subside, the true sense of loss begins. In the horse community, we seem to have had some lucky horse shoes on our side this time. The reports of displaced livestock are minimal and the loss of livestock life, at this stage, is also minimal. We spoke to the Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC) Livestock Alert Line and they had not received a single call requesting help due to flooding. According to Lorna Baird, Executive Director with AFAC, "the alert line only received calls from people looking to offer help, none from people seeking help."

We contacted Livestock Identification Services (LIS) with regards to this situation and they also did not have any calls at this time. Gary M. Guichon is the South Provincial Field Supervisor for LIS, and is in direct contact with the MD of Foothills to initiate information protocol with regards to livestock inquiries. He has not received a single call as of Monday June 24th at noon. "I am hopeful that most animals close to the waterways would have access to higher ground," stated Gary in an e-mail. "We will however see what happens in the coming days and weeks, as I am certain there will be many compromised fence lines."

If you are missing livestock in the coming days and weeks as a result of the flood, please [contact LIS](#) as they are the delegated authority for the stray animals act. Livestock producers and owners can fill out a missing livestock report with LIS so they have that critical information at their fingertips. If LIS receives a stray livestock phone call or report, they then have the most current information on file. The information allows LIS to be better equipped to find the rightful owner(s) if a missing animal matches a stray animal report or surrender. This practice helps to expedite the process of reuniting owners with their livestock.



[https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/alberta/floods-horses-1.5011111](#)

EQUINE ESSENTIALS NEEDED!

Hundreds of horses have been effected by the Alberta Floods. We are collecting much-needed supplies for our equine friends.

Items needed:

tack * halters * shank ropes *
fly/mosquito spray * feed
pails * buckets * salt blocks *
mineral blocks
*(equine supplies in good useable
condition only please)*



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The Canadian Standardbred Network's

FEED FOR THE FLOOD

HELP THE HORSES IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA

The Canadian Standardbred Network is doing an organized feed and supply collection to support those horses affected by the flooding in Southern Alberta.

Many of the horses affected by the flood, although successfully evacuated, will be returning to homes where their previous feed, supplies, and pastures have been washed away or ruined by the flooding.

Any help is appreciated!

Feed donations *include hay and/or grain.*

Supply donations *includes water buckets, salt licks, halters, lead ropes, bedding, and basic vet supplies (bandages, vet wrap, disinfectant etc)*

Monetary donations are also encouraged.

We are accepting paypal, and cash

There are 3 main collection sites set up.

- South of Edmonton (Beaumont)
- NE Calgary
- SE of Calgary

Please contact us at feedfortheblood@gmail.com for information on the collection site nearest you. Also if you are in desperate need of feed or supplies for your horses please contact us.



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