



MVHC EQUINE EMERGENCY GUIDE 2023

MVHC CREATED THE FOLLOWING GUIDE TO HELP ISLAND HORSE OWNERS BETTER PREPARE FOR AND NAVIGATE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS INVOLVING THEIR HORSE(S). IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH HORSE OWNER TO FORMULATE THEIR OWN EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN IN THE EVENT OF AN EQUINE HEALTH EMERGENCY OR ACCIDENT.

NOTIFY TOWN ANIMAL CONTROL of your horse property so that it's on the radar of emergency officials

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WEST TISBURY	KATE HOFFMAN	(508) 684-8201
CHILMARK	CHRIS MURPHY	(774) 433-2537
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SUBMIT MVHC HORSE IDENTIFICATION FORM & PHOTOS to the Martha's Vineyard Horse Council so that your horse is included in a centralized Island Equine Database accessible in event of emergency, loose horse, etc.

MVHC HORSE IDENTIFICATION FORM can be found at <https://www.mvhorsecouncil.com/forms>

CREATE AN EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN We are on an island. You need to have a plan. And a back-up plan. MVHC recommends speaking with your Vet(s) when creating your action plan.

- **VETERINARIAN**

Consult your regular Vet re: emergency plan/ back-up Vet/emergency First Aid Kit. MVHC strongly encourages everyone to engage an Island Vet in addition to any off-island vets you may have.

- **TRANSPORT** (trailer & ferry)

Familiarize yourself with Steamship Protocols for equine emergencies. If you do not have a trailer, have a list of commercial haulers or friends that will trailer for you in the event of an emergency. Finding a trailer last minute can be difficult to impossible. If you do have a trailer, make sure it's maintained and paperwork is in order for unexpected emergency trips.

- **EQUINE EMERGENCY HOSPITALS**

know the phone, location and route to emergency hospitals off-Island.

- **BACK-UP PLAN**

Prepare yourself as best you can for **SELF HELP** if transport is not an option. This includes having a basic first aid kit and knowledge of how to use it.

- **FIRST-AID KIT**

Work with your Vet to create & stock a First-Aid Kit to treat a variety of injuries & ailments, including founder, colic, abscesses, choke. Don't wait until an emergency to realize you're out of Banamine. Consider Mobile Kits for your trailer or saddle bag out on the trail.

- **EUTHANASIA PLAN**

Discuss emergency options with your Vet and have a plan for what you want, where you want it, and who you'll need to call to help make it happen.

ISLAND RESOURCES

ISLAND COMMUNICATIONS CENTER : (508) 693-1212

to report emergency or reach ACO on duty

ISLAND VET TRIAGE :

Phone Triage: (702)483-8533

Video Triage: www.urgentvetcaremv.com

24/7 video & telehealth services. for a small fee, will triage your pet on live video or over the phone to assess if you are facing an emergency that requires an immediate visit to the on-call veterinarian or referral to an Off Island veterinary emergency hospital. Must have credit card to connect.

**STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY : 508-693-9130 (reservations)
508-693-0367 (Vineyard Haven terminal)**

STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY PROTOCOL (per SSA)

In the case of an equine emergency requiring off-Island transport, the vet must call **508-693-0367**, press "0", and ask to be put through to Mashpee – who will then tell the agent to put you on the boat.

EQUINE EMERGENCY HOSPITALS

TUFTS HOSPITAL FOR LARGE ANIMALS

53 Willard Street
North Grafton, MA
(508) 839-7926

SOUTH SHORE EQUINE CLINIC

151 Palmer Road
Plympton, MA
(781) 585-2611

OCEAN STATE EQUINE ASSOCIATES

11 Winsor Avenue
North Scituate, RI
(401) 766-6578

ISLAND HORSE HAULERS

Sandra Grant : (508) 627-0238 (cell) seasonal emergencies and general transport

OFF-ISLAND HORSE HAULERS SERVICING ISLAND

VAUGHN EQUINE TRANSPORT: (855) 483-8462 emergencies and general transport, familiar with SSA

JR HUDSON TRANSPORT: (800) 826-1099 emergencies and general transport

EAST COAST TRANSPORT: (925) 705-0640 emergencies and general transport NOTE: they come from Cape Elizabeth, ME & charge \$1.50/mile from there - 3 hrs to Woods Hole

BRADY HAULIN :(781) 422-2224 emergencies and general transport