

TECHNICAL LARGE ANIMAL RESCUE

A service provided by the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA's Department of Animal Rescue & Control



PHS/SPCA is equipped and trained to handle Technical Large Animal Rescue incidents. For minor incidents, such as repositioning a cast horse so it can get up on its own, we can normally handle the incident with assistance from the animal owners. For more complex rescues, such as a cow trapped in mud, a multi-agency response will likely be needed, including the Fire Department, a Large Animal Veterinarian, and possibly heavy equipment from a private operator. We have also used many of the large animal rescue techniques to get smaller animals to safety, like dogs and deer.

PHS/SPCA maintains two full sets of Technical Large Animal Rescue equipment. Each set of rescue equipment contains ropes, carabiners, webbing, and other rigging gear. Our primary rescue response vehicle carries a polycarbonate 4'x8' rescue glide for hauling recumbent animals over rough terrain. In addition we have a horse trailer that can transport recumbent animals while they are on the rescue glide. The Anderson Sling, used for helicopter lifts, can be requested by the Felton Fire Protection District via mutual aid if a helicopter lift is the only means to rescue the animal.

To report a Technical Large Animal Recuse...

From 8AM until 6PM
(until 5PM on weekends/holidays)
call PHS/SPCA

650-340-8200

Outside those hours call
San Mateo County
Public Safety Communications

650-363-4953

If a person is injured or in imminent danger, please call 911



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Note: These numbers are for Technical Large Animal Rescue incidents in San Mateo County only!