

Safety Sound-off

VIDC Occupational Health & Safety Committee

Newsletter



Pets and Earthquakes

Is your family prepared for a major emergency, evacuation or natural disaster? How about your pets? Making arrangements before the chaos of an emergency can increase your pet's chances of survival and greatly reduce the fear and anxiety your pet will experience.

Create a pet emergency survival kit (Grab n' Go Bag). Keep your pet's kit with your family's emergency survival kit for quick and easy access.



Some items to add to your Grab n' Go Bag for Pets:

- ◆ Towel/blanket with your smell on it
- ◆ Can opener
- ◆ Fresh water and canned food (72 hours)
- ◆ Any medication that your pet may need
- ◆ Current vaccination records

Store your Grab n' Go Bag in a pet crate/carrier. Check the kit twice a year (an easy way to remember is to do it when you check your smoke alarms bi-annually) to ensure freshness of food, water, and medication, and to restock any supplies you may have "borrowed"

from it. Your pet should be wearing up-to-date identification at all times. This includes adding your cell phone number to your current information with Animal Care Services, completing your Pet ID Card to carry with you as well as have in your kit. Your Dog License will be available to emergency staff at all times so your dog will always have a way to get home.

Remember, you are ultimately responsible for the well being of your pet in an emergency. You

now have the tools and resources to assist you in meeting this responsibility.

Contact your local animal control or SPCA for pet emergency grab and go bags or make your own by starting with the following items:

- ◆ Grab n' Go Bag
- ◆ Basic pet first aid kit
- ◆ Food/Water dish
- ◆ Food
- ◆ Poop bags and dispenser
- ◆ Emergency Leash
- ◆ Waterproof bag for pet info
- ◆ Pet Emergency Card
- ◆ Pet Identification Card
- ◆ LED Light/Pen
- ◆ For Cats: Cat Litter Pan

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Dates to remember:

- **February 24, 2016:** Stop Bullying Day
- **April 13th, 2016 :** Day Of Pink ~ International Day against Bullying, Discrimination, Homophobia and Transphobia
- **April 28 2016:** Day of Mourning
- **June 16-18,2016:** Miner's Memorial
- **November 23 - 25, 2016:** – VIDC Stewards Conference



Welcome to our VIDC Health and Safety Newsletter.

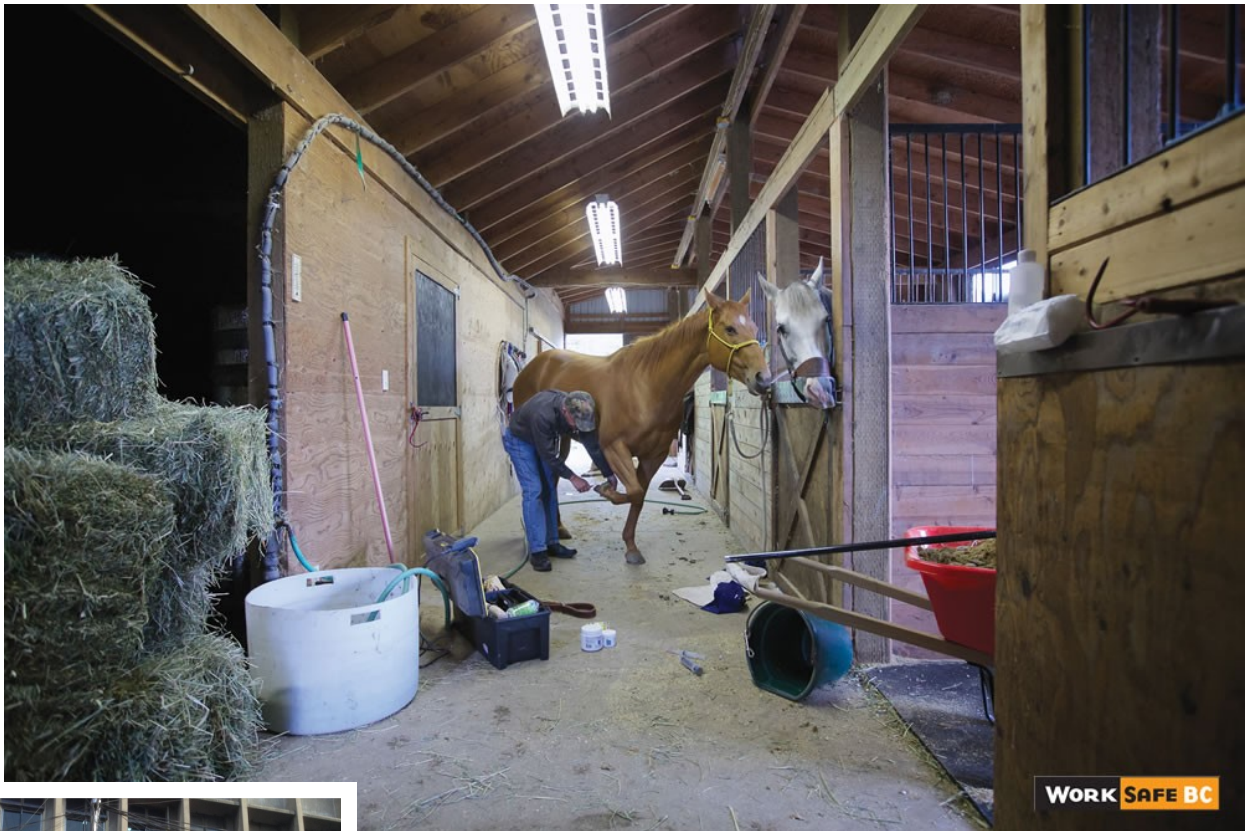
Our Committee members are:
Sarah Fairbrass, Chair; Martha Higgins; Kathy Mercer, Bill Newman, Sherrene Ross.

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What's Wong with this Picture?

There are some things seriously wrong with this picture!! See if you can spot the issues and send them by May 14,2016 to: vpcope374@gmail.com to have your name entered to win a prize. The lucky winner will be announced at the May 28, 2016 VIDC meeting and list of issues will be published in the next newsletter along with the next photo!



Last Issue`s Winner:
Heather Scarisbrick

The prize this month is sponsored by the
VIDC OH&S Committee!

