



Ralph's Responders

Go-Bag and
Reference cards



A Louisiana State Animal Response Team community outreach program

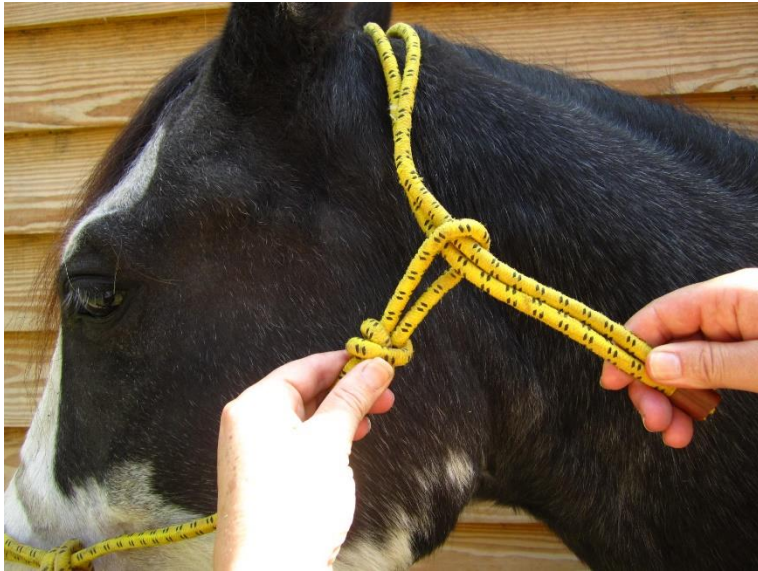
Inventory for a Ralph bag

- 1 Ralph's Responders Go-Bag Reference Guide
- 2 tow straps 30'x4"
- 2 cotton ropes 20'
- 1 collapsible boat hook
- 2 rope halters with leads
- 1 foam pad(head protection)
- 1 towel
- 1 tarp(for placing equipment on or covering dead animals)
- 1 pack ID bands/sharpie
- 1 small bucket
- 1 Ralph's rattle(shake or rattle in bucket to get animals attention as if its food)

Responder's Personal Equipment suggestion list

- Laminated card with family emergency contact, medications, allergies(if you become hurt)
- Helmet
- Close toed shoes/boots
- Leather gloves
- Disposable gloves
- Safety glasses/sun shades
- Flashlight
- Multi-tool with knife and pliers
- First aid kit(including stethoscope, thermometer, non-stick gauze, and vet wrap, squirt bottle top)
- Binoculars
- Duct tape
- Water hose
- Blue dawn soap
- Brush
- Slip leash
- Fly spray
- Sunscreen
- Notepad and pen
- Camera
- Baby wipes (flushable)

Tying a Rope Halter



When put on correctly, the knot will not tighten if the animal pulls back and the end is away from the eye.

Quick Release Halter



Knots- Alpine butterfly

- Puts a loop in rope at any spot
- Can be used to make pull handles on long rope
- Can be used on a tie line to separate animals



Twist 1



Twist 2



Fold top loop down



Push folded loop through
back of bottom loop
and pull through



Tom Fools knot

- Can be used to hobble animals legs together to move or manipulate



Tips

- Secure the area and access the situation before acting
- Take vitals on the animal and call a veterinarian ASAP
- Medically check and stabilize animal before moving
- Designate a safety person
- Designate an animal handler to stay at the head and watch animal
- Collect contact information from the owner
- Write down animals permanent identification, color and markings, any behavior issues(kicker, cribber), and diet/medications
- Take photos
- Before any drag, be sure to protect the animals head/eye by placing something, such as a foam pad, underneath it. Also be mindful of tails, and genitals in males

Sideways Drag



Forward Assist



Backwards drag



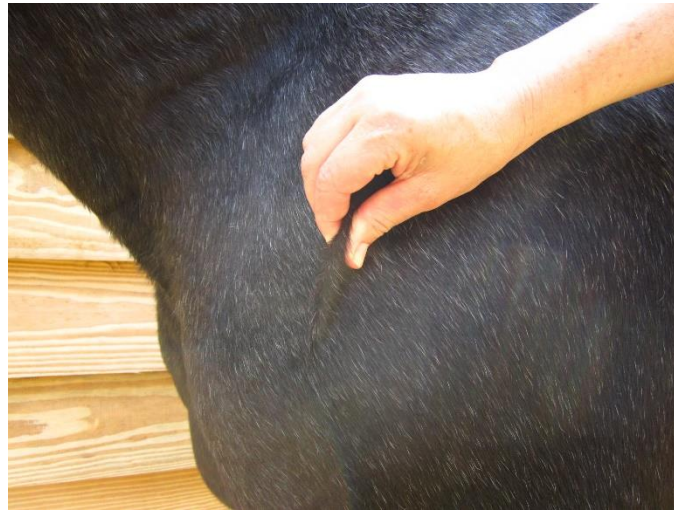
Flipping a cast horse



Equine TPR

- Hydration- pinch test on shoulder with 1-2 second snap back
- Capillary Refill- thumb press on gums with 1-3 second color return
- Temperature- 99.5-101.5°F
- Pulse- 28-40 beats/min
- Respiration- 8-16 breaths/min

*General recommendations for standard adult horse



Tribute to Ralph



Ralph's Responders is a community outreach program in tribute to a trusty bay horse named Ralph. Owned by LSART responder Sara, he made an amazing working partner. He helped train many responders by being such a bomb-proof horse that he didn't need sedation for training exercises, such as to be washed by groups of students in full body PPE. Having such a patient, calm, and collected live animal made hands on training stress free. He will be dearly missed and a horse that will never be forgotten. 2001-2015

This reference guide is meant to be used by trained large animal rescue personnel only.

Ralphs Responders is of a community outreach program with the Louisiana State Animal Response Team. More information, including a downloadable children's activity books on helping their family prepare and copies of this booklet can be found online at

www.lsart.org

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