

Staff and volunteers with [The Gentle Barn's Emergency Animal Rescue Service](#) program drove into areas aflame with the Creek Fire to evacuate 30 horses and two dogs. (Horses have been [especially hard hit](#) by the fires.)

Things were so hairy, said Gentle Barn co-founder Jay Weiner, that one of the horses was found tethered to a burning tree.

"We're rescuers," Weiner said. "It feels good to be able to serve our community."

Weiner said that the group would greatly appreciate [financial donations](#), which would offset the cost of these evacuations and also help The Gentle Barn expand its rescue missions.