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.