

Oklahoma Livestock Relief Coalition

Guidelines for the Use of Donated Funds

Recognizing that the current drought and hay shortage may result in unprecedented numbers of neglected and starving livestock: The Oklahoma Livestock Relief Coalition was formed with the mission of providing an opportunity for concerned citizens to donate funds which will be used to respond to the immediate needs of law enforcement in the State of Oklahoma with large animal neglect, abuse, and abandonment cases. Donated funds will be used to provide feed and reasonable emergency care for seized animals during the initial thirty (30) days phase of these cases. Charter Members of the Oklahoma Livestock Relief Coalition are:

- Oklahoma Cattleman's Association
 - Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association
 - Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
 - Oklahoma Farm Bureau
 - Oklahoma Humane Federation
 - Oklahoma Livestock Marketing Association
 - Oklahoma State University, Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
 - Oklahoma State University, Center for Veterinary Health Sciences
 - Oklahoma Veterinary Technician Association
 - Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association
 - Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Foundation
 - Oklahoma State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
 - American Farmers and Ranchers Mutual Insurance Company
 - Murray State College, Veterinary Technology
1. An Executive Committee will be selected by the Charter Members of the Oklahoma Livestock Relief Coalition and will include one member from each of the following areas represented in the Oklahoma Livestock Relief Coalition:
 - a. Law Enforcement
 - b. Livestock Industry
 - c. Veterinarian
 - d. Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
 - e. Local Humane Group

2. The intent is to provide funds directly to law enforcement from the time of seizure of animals until the time the animals are released by the owner to the seizing agency when they may be dispersed. This time is not to exceed thirty (30) days unless there are extenuating circumstances in which case any extension of the thirty (30) days will be considered by the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Livestock Relief Coalition.
3. Currently the Oklahoma Livestock Relief Coalition will only accept requests for funding from law enforcement.
4. These funds may be used for feed, hay, and reasonable emergency care (including euthanasia) to prevent animal suffering as determined by the onsite veterinarian. If it is necessary to euthanize, it shall be the responsibility of the law enforcement agency to properly dispose of those animals. Funds are not to be used for boarding fees.
5. The Oklahoma Livestock Relief Coalition requests that the law enforcement agency receiving funds seek restitution from the livestock owner to reimburse this fund.
6. The Oklahoma Livestock Relief Coalition requests that the law enforcement agency receiving funds disclose any other group or organization providing funds or supplies to them.
7. Presently the Oklahoma Livestock Relief Coalition is only able to accept monetary donations. Donations may be made through the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Foundation a 501(c)3 at www.okvma.org or send to OVMF, PO Box 14521, Oklahoma City, OK 73113.
8. During the ninety (90) day period from January 1, 2012 to March 1, 2012 interested organizations are invited to join the Oklahoma Livestock Relief Coalition as Charter Members (subject to approval of the Oklahoma Livestock Relief Coalition Executive Committee). Please contact Jana Black, Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association Executive Director at 405-478-1002 for further information.