

## CACVT September 2011 E-nformation

Hello!

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### **I. Surveys**

#### **A. Emergency Preparedness Committee**

We appreciate you taking the time to fill out this short survey. This is to provide the Emergency Preparedness Sub-Committee the information necessary to create emergency preparedness programs that will benefit the CACVT membership.

The survey is being conducted electronically and can be completed at the following online link:  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EPscSurvey>

Please complete by September 18, 2011. Thank you!

#### **B. Provided by CVMA: Gelding Survey: Please Participate!**

Today, an increasing number of Colorado's horses face an uncertain future. Economic pressures, legislative changes, and shifts in the perception of the role and place of the horse in modern society have resulted in a dramatic increase in the number of horses whose current owners are no longer willing or able to care for them. They are Colorado's unwanted horses, a status that often results in neglect, abandonment, and abuse. The Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance (CUHA) was formed to address this issue.

*One component in addressing the unwanted horse issue is the ability and willingness of horse owners to geld their stallions.* CVMA and CUHA are sending out this brief survey to stakeholders who may be aware of community perceptions about barriers toward gelding. The survey consists of 17 to 20 questions, depending on some of your responses, and should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. The privacy of your responses will be maintained.

Your response will help CUHA assess its programs, which have included grants to equine organizations and rescues for training (that heightens the adoptability of an unwanted horse) and gelding (that prevents unwanted births) initiatives. CUHA has also developed Equidopt, an online database where horses available for adoption through not-for-profit organizations statewide can be searched using a number of criteria. The database, as well as information about CUHA, can be found at [www.COunwantedhorse.org](http://www.COunwantedhorse.org).

The survey is being conducted electronically and can be completed at the following online link:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22CRPFTKHGH/>

**Please complete the survey by September 18.**

Thank you for your participation, and for your interest in the unwanted horse issue.

## **II. CACVT PR / Booth events**

See the calendar for a complete listing: <http://www.cacvt.com/calendar>

It's exciting to have the CACVT booth and volunteers present to talk to the attendees to promote the technician profession!

The next fun event is the Freedom Service Dog's Festival of the Bastardino: <http://www.cacvt.com/FSD>

One of their events will be the doggie plunge. We are still looking for CVTs to assist with this amazing event. Watch as 300 plus dogs run around and swim in the pool! Work one of the shifts and bring your dog for the other shift! Fun for all.

Please contact the CACVT office to sign up!

## **III. Other Calendar Events**

Just a few of the other events posted on the calendar: <http://www.cacvt.com/calendar>

Thank you very much for your interest in the association. CACVT is your professional organization, about you and for you. Please consider volunteering at any level (visit [www.cacvt.com/volunteer](http://www.cacvt.com/volunteer) for details and opportunities). It's as simple as answering e-mails! Let's make our association better for everyone!

Have a safe and wonderful Labor Day Weekend!

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