



Large Animal Technical Rescue Training
May 21, 2011
Woodsunwinds Farm, West Woodbury, VT

- ◆ **Horse Stuck in a Ravine**
- ◆ **Barn Collapse with Cows Inside**
- ◆ **Horse Mired in Mud**
- ◆ **Horse Fallen and Trapped in a Well**



Horse in Ravine in Colchester, January 2011

Fire departments are being called more and more to animal emergencies. The Vermont Horse Council Large Animal Technical Rescue (LATR) Project is helping to meet this need by sponsoring training and providing specialized equipment to LATR teams within the state. Currently there are five LATR teams and more are planned. Whether or not your department is housing this equipment you may encounter a mutual aid situation in which LATR equipment is in use.

In September of 2007 the first LATR training was held and Colchester Technical Rescue became the first LATR team in Vermont with equipment provided by the Vermont Horse Council. On January 1, 2011 an 850 pound paint mare named Rona spooked and ran over a steep embankment into a river at the bottom of a ravine. Colchester Tech Rescue used every piece of LATR equipment that had been provided to bring Rona to safety. Both responders and veterinarian stated that the horse would not have been rescued had it not been for the specialized equipment. If the LATR team response had not been available, human injuries may have occurred if horse owners banded together to attempt to save the horse themselves.

The Vermont Horse Council is pleased to sponsor our fourth Large Animal Technical Rescue Training. This course is open to all active members of Vermont fire departments, rescue squads, veterinarians, and law enforcement agencies (all other interested parties are invited to participate as auditors). This training will teach techniques to perform rescues in the most efficient manner while avoiding injury to animal and responder.

This course will be held from 9:00am to approximately 4:30pm and will encompass two areas:

Horse Handling and Behavior will be taught by Susan Hauck, Chairperson of the Champlain LATR and Orwell FD Co-Training Officer. In this section we will discuss the behavior of the horse and how it relates to safety for the responder. We will demonstrate and practice safe ways of moving about horses, emergency haltering and restraint, and have hands on training with live horses.

Rescues will be taught by Roger Lauze, Coordinator of Rescue and Training for the MSPCA and will focus on basic rescue techniques using items such as straps, rescue hooks and the specialized Rescue Glide. We will be using "Lucky" a life size pose able horse rescue mannequin. Instruction will encompass both visuals and hands on training using real life rescue scenarios as a basis. Please dress appropriately as these scenarios may include any type of terrain, water or weather conditions.

Deadline for Registration is May 17th 2011. Late registrations will not be accepted and space is limited.

Cost of Registration: \$ 30.00 per attendee or \$15.00 for auditors and will include lunch.

To register: complete the registration and liability release forms and send with payment to Cindy Cross-Greenia at the address below, Checks should be made to: **Vermont Horse Council**

Additional registration forms are available at www.vthorsecouncil.org on our committees page.

For additional information contact:

Cindy Cross-Greenia, LATR Chair
PO Box 392, Underhill, VT 05489
802/899-3928 or crossgreenia@gmail.com

Directions to Woodsunwinds Farm 1571 West Woodbury Road, West Woodbury, VT

Caution: using GPS may send you on class 4 roads

From I-89 Whether coming from North or South take Exit 7 for Berlin/Montpelier. Go through 3 sets of lights then at the Montpelier exit turn right. At the bottom of the exit turn left onto 302. @ approximately 1.5 miles @ the jct of rt. 302 and rt. 2 turn right. (This is actually a round-a-bout) Approx. 5-7 miles the road will come to a jct of rt 2 and 14 North, take the left onto rt 14 north headed toward Calais/Woodbury/Hardwick. Approx. 14-16 miles you will enter the town of Hardwick. @ the flashing red light turn left onto rt. 15 west. Proceed about 3.0 miles, turn left onto a cement bridge @ Kate Brook RD. Proceed 2.0 miles, at the tee turn right, go .4 miles and turn right at the #1571 mailbox/Woodsunwinds Sign.

If coming from the north (above St Johnsbury, VT) and headed toward the south, then take exit 21 which will be for Danville/Montpelier/Hardwick. This will put you onto Rt. 2 west. Proceed approx. 9-10 miles. Then at the jct. of rt. 2 and rt. 15, take rt. 15 west toward Hardwick. You will be on this road about 12 miles and will come into the center of Hardwick with a blinking red stop light. Turn right onto rt. 15 west toward "Wolcott". Proceed 3.0 miles, turn left onto a cement bridge @ Kate Brook RD. Proceed 2.0 miles, at the tee turn right, go .4 miles and turn right at the 1571 mailbox/ Woodsunwinds Sign.

If coming from the western part of the state, since we are in the north/central part of the state, your best bet is to find rt. 15 on the map and proceed until you reach the small village of Wolcott (home of Buck's Furniture!!!) Proceed east approx. 2.0 miles out of town until you come to the historic Fisher Railroad Bridge on your right. Continue 1.0 miles then turn right onto a cement bridge @ Kate Brook Road. Proceed 2.0 miles, at the tee turn right, go .4 miles and turn right at the #1571 mailbox/ Woodsunwinds Sign.

Instructors:

Roger Lauze, Coordinator of Rescue and Training, MSPCA

Roger holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Framingham State College. He brought his horse and farm animal handling skills to the MSPCA 27 years ago. In his role of Coordinator of Rescue and Training for the MSPCA Equine Ambulance Program, Roger responds to horse emergencies throughout New England (through an on-call system for veterinarians), trains groups on handling equine emergencies and travels nationally to provide ambulance service for Sport Horse events. Roger has helped the program reach its goal of teaching groups throughout the country in emergency rescue techniques to help horses in need. In the past fourteen years, the MSPCA has trained an estimated 6,000 animal professionals in emergency equine rescue techniques. Among those trained include the New York City Mounted Police Unit, Aiken South Carolina Safety and Rescue Group, as well as numerous local Fire and Rescue Groups, Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians. Locally, Roger's demonstrations and talks have been seen at Tufts Animal Expo, Rochester Equine Clinic and Equine Affaire.

Susan M. Hauck, Chairperson of the Champlain Large Animal Technical Rescue (committee of Orwell Volunteer Fire Department/OFD) and OFD Co-Training Officer

Susan has spent most of her life on and around horses. She is a Certified Riding Instructor with the American Riding Instructor Association. Blending her experience with horses with her other passion – the fire service – Susan joined the OFD and pursued a focus on large animal technical rescue.



Training with Lucky and the Rescue Glide

We will be setting up two teams in northern Vermont this year. Would your department be interested in becoming an LATR Team?

**VHC Liability Release and Acknowledgement of Risk
For Participants at the VHC Equine Activities
- PLEASE READ CAREFULLYI,**

_____ (Participant) and _____ (Custodial Parent, if Participant is minor),
understand and accept the risks and rules below:

Risks: I understand that the handling, use and riding of a horse involves the risk of injury or death, despite all safety precautions. No horse is a completely safe horse. If a horse is frightened or provoked or even without any such reason it may divert from its training and act according to its natural instincts which may include, but are not limited to actions such as: stopping short, changing direction or speed at will, shifting its weight from side to side, bucking, rearing, biting, kicking or running from danger. These risks exist for any person around a horse, whether mounted or on the ground.

Acknowledgement of Risks: I acknowledge the above risks and I voluntarily engage myself (or my minor child) in equine activities organized or sponsored by VHC. I understand that I (or my minor child) should not participate in any equine activity unless I am confident that I (or my minor child) can do so safely. Participation in equine activities at VHC constitutes a knowing and voluntary assumption of all risks associated with equine activities, which is a defense under Vermont Law to any claim for injury or damage and a bar to recovery.

Release: I agree to fully and forever release and hold harmless VHC, its members, officers, directors, committees and agents acting on behalf of or for VHC from any and all liabilities due to injuries, claims, damages, actions or losses, which may arise out of my, my minor child's, or my guest's presence at the equine activity sponsored by VHC. Except in the event of VHC's gross negligence or willful misconduct, I shall bring no claims, demands, actions or litigation against VHC, its members, officers, directors, committees and agents acting on behalf of or for VHC for any economic losses and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death or property damage, sustained by me (or my minor child) in relation to the premises and operations of this stable.

Misc.: I agree that this release shall be subject to the laws of the State of Vermont and any dispute relating to this release shall be decided by the courts of the State of Vermont. I agree and hereby waive, to the extent not prohibited by applicable law, the right to a trial by jury and hereby agree, instead to a court trial. In the event any provision of this release shall be deemed invalid or unenforceable by any court, such provision shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and replaced by a valid provision which approximates as closely as possible the intent of the parties.

WARNING: Under Vermont Law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities that are obvious and necessary, pursuant to 12 V.S.A § 1039. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS ENTIRE LIABILITY RELEASE

Signature of Participant, Date _____

Signature of Participant, Date Signature of custodial parents (mandatory, if Participant is minor)

Registration Form

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Responder \$ 30.00 **Auditor \$ 15.00** **Total Enclosed: \$** _____

Please read sign and return the liability release above with your registration

**Send registration and payment to:
Cindy Cross-Greenia, Vermont Horse Council, PO Box 392, Underhill, VT 05489**