

Victims of Wildfires

make appropriate disaster plans that include their pets and livestock,” said Dr. Heather Case, AVMA national coordinator of disaster preparedness and response. The AVMA offers a great deal of information on disaster preparedness on their web site at http://www.avma.org/disaster/responseguide/responseguide_toc.asp.

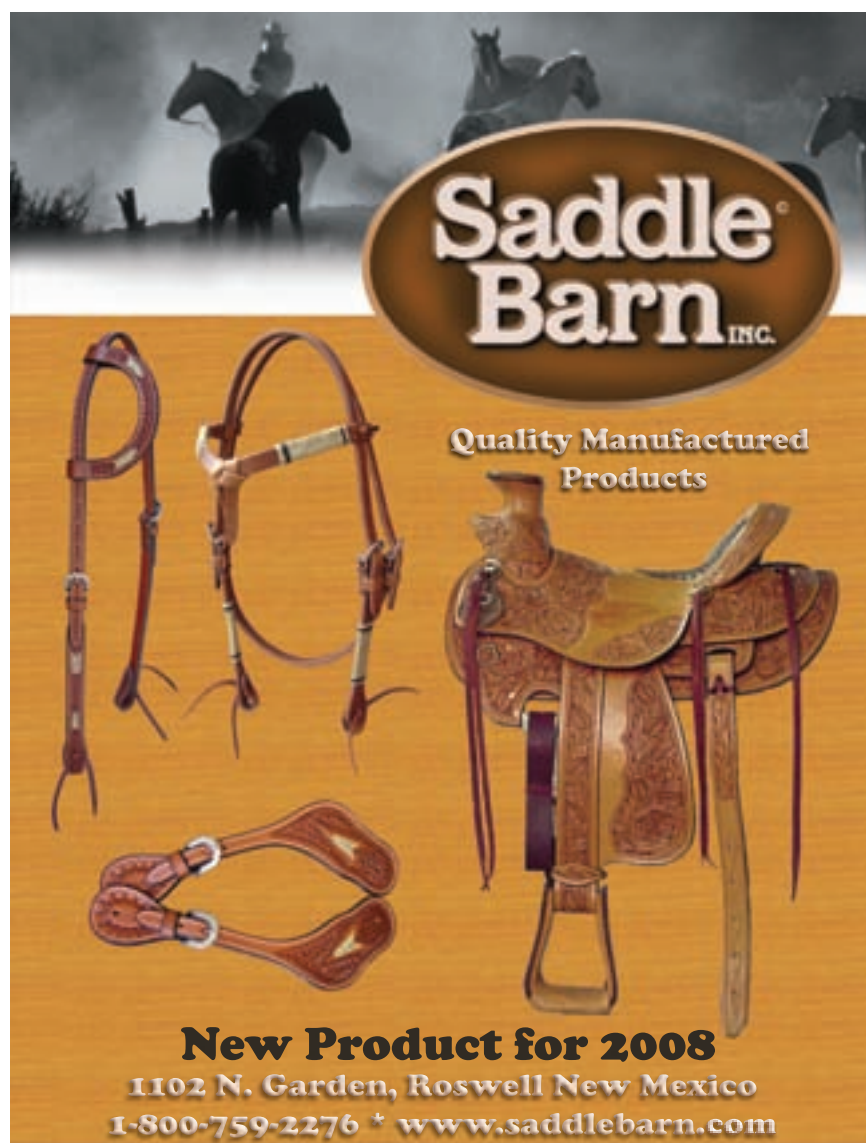
The American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) helped by providing relief to affected veterinarians through individual reimbursement and relief awards. These funds can reimburse affected veterinarians for medical expenses, equipment, modest boarding, some travel, loss of property or other expenses.

The AVMA advises veterinary professionals who need help, as well as those who want to donate or volunteer, to contact the California Veterinary Medical Association at (800)655-2862 or www.cvma.net.

SmartPak also came to the aid of horses affected by the Southern California wildfires, with a \$5,000 donation to the USEF disaster fund, which assists equines of any breed that find themselves victims of disasters. “SmartPak is committed to supporting the equine communities we serve and we are proud to be able to assist in the wildfire relief efforts,” said Becky Minard, founder of SmartPak.

In addition to the \$5,000 donation, SmartPak will also be setting up a collection site at the SmartPak store in Natick, Mass., where customers can conveniently make cash donations to help support ongoing relief efforts.

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