

# Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue ( [www.tlaer.org](http://www.tlaer.org) ) AWARENESS Level Course (2 Days)

**Information on Costs; Recommendation for Facilities, Equipment, etc. to coordinate a course.**

**Please contact us:**

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**Costs (in US Dollars):**

- Airplane Flight and Expenses to Course Location (1 instructor). If within 500 miles, \$1.00 per mile and travel expenses.
- Lodging at the course (private home, B&B or motel)
- Meal expenses (willing to eat in private home, etc.)
- Honorarium: (CALL OR EMAIL FOR QUOTE)
- *Payment is due at the completion of the training.*

**A \$500.00 deposit is required. Mail to: TLAER.ORG, 2472 Six and Twenty Road, Pendleton, SC 29670. This deposit becomes non-refundable if the training is cancelled within three weeks of the scheduled training.**

**Class Text Book:**

The book “**Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue**” *edited by Gimenez, Gimenez and May* is available as of August 2008.

This book is published by Wiley - Blackwell Publishing. Please contact the publisher on how to best obtain copies. There are discounts available on volume purchases of the book, and you can ship back what is not purchased.

Blackwell Publishing [www.blackwellpublishing.com](http://www.blackwellpublishing.com) 800-216-2522 or 515-292-0140

**It is recommended that the cost of the course include one copy of the book so that all attendees have the educational materials they need when they complete the course, and have the appropriate reference materials at their fingertips. It is impossible to provide a handout with the level of detail that is found in the book. For this reason, a handout is NOT available.**

The instructor(s) will of course offer to sign the books for any interested participants.

**Class size:**

For Awareness level courses, there is no limit to the number of participants, because there are minimal hands-on and live demonstrations. The number of participants is IMPORTANT and if the course is advertised and handled well, their fees will cover the costs of the course, and may result in surplus money that you can use for local large animal rescue equipment purchases, etc.

**Comment on fees** - there may be grants and donations available to help cover the costs of the course in your area. Check with the local and state veterinary and firefighter organizations, State Animal Response programs, and [www.USRider.org](http://www.USRider.org) ) We recommend that you charge Awareness level participants a FAIR fee. **In our experience, if the course is FREE or CHEAP, people will not attend.** A reduced fee (\$100-\$150) should be charged for the Awareness level based on the Operations level fees of \$300 - \$500 per person.

**Certificates:**

We will provide an AWARENESS level certificate to participants, please send me the logo that you would like to have on the certificate from the sponsoring organization.

**Continuing Education:**

This course is applicable to obtain **CE Credits for Vets, Vet Techs, and Emergency Responders.** A local College or University may be willing to provide CE credit (up to 16 hours) if you provide them with the syllabus for the course (attached). This benefit will attract more interest in your course from professionals. Consider the dates/conflicts for the course carefully – paid professionals often prefer to come during the week, and volunteers over a weekend. It is a TWO day course and to get an Awareness certificate the participants must attend the **entire course.**

**T-Shirts, etc.:**

Designing a logo to put on a T-shirt is another way to raise funds for the course – a good method is to promote sponsors and donors of equipment, food, etc. on the shirt. If you wish to use our trademarked logo, please email Tomas at [tlaer@bellsouth.net](mailto:tlaer@bellsouth.net) for a copy. Some organizers include the T-shirt in the price of the course, others sell them separately.

**Advertising your course:**

**Advertising your course is ESSENTIAL to getting good quality personnel from a variety of specialties that should be interested.** I can send you pictures to use for putting up posters, sending out notifications and as email attachments, and for your website promotion to firefighters, rescue, police and EMT/paramedic organizations. Consider a press release with photos to your local and state newspapers, horse and cattle clubs, zoos and other large animal enterprises. Don't forget the veterinarians, veterinary technicians, vet school students, animal control, humane societies, livestock inspectors, FFA and Pony/4-H clubs, Extension service, state Fire Academy and State Veterinarian's office. Most courses have participants from across the country attend if they promote it sufficiently, and some have added a follow-on course due to the response. Your course will be advertised on our website and through any communications we send out (email, letters, newsletters, etc.)

**Facilities:**

- Classroom with comfortable seating for the lectures. Course should start EARLY in the morning (8 or 8:30 am) if possible to give time for questions and discussion.

- Chairs (tables optional) for all attendees, LCD projector and large screen for Powerpoint presentation (we will bring our own laptop computer).
- If you would like to provide a live horse for some of the simple demonstrations, a **covered arena** is optimal (especially for inclement weather). Otherwise we can do it on an open field (preferably fenced). Participants can handle the animals with a signed waiver, but it will be for short demonstrations only.
- Coordinate with the local Fire/ Rescue department to bring their Rescue truck at some time during the course to provide a short demonstration of what is ON a Rescue truck to participants.

### **Equipment:**

- A few Breyer or plastic horses (and other animals) or stuffed horses for demonstrations.
- Any webbing, rope, or large animal equipment that your local team or you personally have purchased. We will evaluate it with you and use it for demonstrations during the course.
- If your local Rescue team has equipment they want to use for large animal rescue, tell them to bring it and we will evaluate it with them and make suggestions.
- I can provide a list of Equipment that is recommended by us if you email [delphiacres@hotmail.com](mailto:delphiacres@hotmail.com)

### **Photographs:**

You may want to consider collecting pictures taken by all auditors and participants at the training onto a CD which can be mailed to the participants afterward. Course attendees are welcome to take pictures during the course, of course with discretion. This is a great way to preserve their memory of the training, and help “TRAIN the TRAINER” to share the information to others.

### **Attendants:**

Attendees should wear clothing appropriate for the season, and local weather conditions during the training. (Bug spray, sun protection, etc.) If there is a chance that they will handle live animals, they should wear boots, bring gloves and a helmet.

### **Assistant Instructors:**

We will bring an assistant instructor(s) for many classes (they will share a room with the instructor). You will only pay for their meals. Occasionally we have special guests that we will bring to the course to assist with teaching, demonstrations, etc. If you have a local special guest to include, please let me know.

### **Student meals during the course:**

It has been our experience that having to go out for lunch causes delays and loss of time between the morning and the afternoon sessions. Please arrange for somebody to provide, cater or donate food & drinks for breaks and lunch (hamburgers/BBQ/hotdogs to grill are great, Pizza delivered, Sandwiches, breakfast biscuits, etc.) as it will save time we can use for the course and encourages networking between the attendees.

On the first day, we will finish the afternoon session about 5 pm. This gives everyone a chance to socialize at a local restaurant for those that wish to join the instructor and you the coordinator. This will be on their own dime.

### **PREREQUISITES:**

One weakness that we have identified in students attending the courses (all levels) is lack of familiarity with FEMA's disaster preparedness for animals and livestock.

Additionally, many people come to the course with NO training in Incident Command System. **We ask you to share this information with your students coming to the course - it is suggested that they complete the online modules before attending the TLAER course, (or immediately after if they forget). AT THIS TIME IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT FOR AWARENESS LEVEL.** Completion of these FOUR courses IS a pre-requisite for attendance to TLAER Operations and Technician level.

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/> The overall program for online learning....there are MANY more interesting and useful courses available here.

The Courses:

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS100A.asp> Introduction to the Incident Command System

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is10.asp> Module A Animals in Disaster

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS11.asp> Module B Animals in Disaster

<http://training.fema.gov/emiWeb/IS/is111.asp> Livestock in Disasters

### **Alternate Ideas (OPTIONAL):**

Over the years, numerous course coordinators have tried some neat ideas to promote their courses in the local community and raise funds to cover the fees. A list is provided below for your consideration:

- Facebook page and website with pictures and information about the course,
- Invite the local media (TV and Newspapers) to attend (don't forget about equine and emergency response media & journalists),
- T-Shirt with special event logo, or similar item (sports bottles, coffee cups, etc.) sales,
- Raffle tickets for a nice piece of framed artwork (like the "Helping Hands, Helping Hearts" TLAER print available at [www.USRider.org](http://www.USRider.org) )
- Auction of various rescue and horse related items,
- Request for donations of food, horse related items, coupons, etc. for attendees
- Wine tasting / Social invitation (the night before the course begins) with local equine leaders and to meet the instructor - pre-paid ticket or donation required.