

EKU to offer Large Animal Rescue Class

The Large-Animal Emergency Rescue Training is funded through the Large-Animal Rescue Endowment Fund, administered by USRider. Through its Leg-Up Fund, USRider has provided assistance for numerous large-animal rescue initiatives, including equine ambulances and individual responder training. In 2005, the company took its efforts in a new direction by creating the first Large-Animal Rescue Endowment Fund at Eastern Kentucky University. The unique endowment fund was established to promote large-animal rescue training efforts and support related training programs.

“We’ve found that while emergency responders are trained experts in human rescue and extrication, they oftentimes have no training in large-animal rescue,” said Bill Riss, General Manager for USRider. “Because of this lack of training, responders are put at great risk. Moreover, in many accidents and disasters, animals without life-threatening injuries are injured further or even killed by use of incorrect rescue techniques.”



Scheduled for March 30 – April 1, 2012, the Large-Animal Emergency Rescue Training is open to ECU students and the general public. Taught by Drs. Tomas and Rebecca Gimenez, experts in large-animal rescue, the session will include 30 hours of classroom instruction and hands-on training with live animals.

Instruction covers the use of sedatives and tranquilizers, chemical restraint, rescue ropes and knots, rescue from barn fires, mud rescue, helicopter rescue and water rescue, among other situations.

Specially-trained demonstration animals will be brought in to help provide realistic hands-on training during the seminars. The training qualifies each student to receive FSE 489 credit for the class. Space is limited for the public, so those interested in attending are encouraged to enroll now by contacting Demita Kubala at ECU at (859) 622-1051 or demita.kubala@eku.edu.



Tuition \$395 / Student

