

# Animal Science Weekly September 22, 2008

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### Texas AgriLife Extension Initiates Operation “No Fences”

Texas AgriLife Extension initiated Operation “No Fences” Hurricane Ike Horse and Cattle Relief by establishing a center at White’s Memorial Park in Anahuac, TX. With several thousand head of cattle and over a hundred horses compromised by the storm, there was an immediate need for hay and fresh water. This operation was successful in delivering the very first loads of hay, water troughs, and both cattle and horse feed for distribution. Dr. Jason Cleere was the first Extension Animal Science specialist on site with a load of water troughs; he made two other trips throughout the first week after the hurricane. Dr. Jason Banta operated the Beaumont District Disaster Center for five days to help coordinate efforts across various agencies. In an immediate effort with all Animal Science specialists, Dr. Joe Paschal gave lead to provide a one-page fact sheet for affected producers on short-term feeding and watering, as well as salt toxicity management points. This effort extended well beyond the site of damage, as Extension was active in standing-up a dozen livestock shelters, such as Dr. Brett Scott’s efforts with the shelter at the new Brazos Count Expo Center locally. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help affected producers, please visit the Operation No Fences web site at <http://agrilifevents.tamu.edu>



*Pictured above:* Texas AgriLife Extension initiated Operation “No Fences” Hurricane Ike Horse & Cattle Relief by establishing a center at White’s Memorial Park in Anahuac, TX.

### Sterle Relected as Chair of National Pork Board Swine Educators

DES MOINES, IOWA (September 16, 2008) - Dr. Jodi Sterle was relected as the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Swine Educators group coordinated by the National Pork Board. The Swine Educators group consists of State Extension Swine Specialists, engineers, veterinarians, economists, Extension field staff, and state pork association field staff. This group develops curriculum, delivers programs, and acts in an advisory role to the National Pork Board in order to educate producers and educators, coordinating these efforts between states.

### Upcoming Events

J. Wayne Stark Galleries Exhibition “A Breed Apart: The Heritage of Livestock in Art” (September 17 - October 30, 2008 - College Station, TX) - For more information, please call 979-845-6081 or visit the Stark Galleries web site: <http://stark.tamu.edu>

Departmental Seminar Series (September 24, 2008 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - 11:30 a.m.) - Dr. Ron Gill, Texas A&M Department of Animal Science, will provide an update on animal handling. For more information, please contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham <[tryon@tamu.edu](mailto:tryon@tamu.edu)>.

**Upcoming Events (Continued)**

Rosenthal Lecture Series (September 26, 2008) - For more information, please contact Dr. Jeff Savell <j-savell@tamu.edu> at 979-845-3935.

Fall BBQ (October 7, 2008 - Beef Center - 6:00 p.m.) - Details to be provided soon.

Aggiefest Livestock Judging Contest (October 25, 2008) - For more information, please contact Dr. Chris Skaggs <cskaggs@tamu.edu> at 979-845-7616

Aggiefest Horse Judging Workshop (November 15, 2008) - For more information, please contact Dr. Pete Gibbs or Teri Antilley at 979-8745-1562



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