

# Education Outside the Classroom: University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine Technical Rescue Team



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# What do we Offer?

- We responder within 2+ hours of Gainesville 24/7 to assist with technical rescues – most recent was in Bunnell in September to rescue a horse from a septic tank
  - Dispatch as mutual aid via Alachua County sheriff's 911 call center
  - No cost to the requesting agency – UF VETS does ask for a donation from the owner/community since there is no funding to support this activity other than goodwill passing it on...

# What do we Offer?

- Facilitate county/regional exercises – most recently in Feb in RDSTF 5 to set up and evaluate a mass casualty accident with livestock
  - Funded on RDSTF exercise funds
  - Part of planning process
  - Set up scenarios – have 2 horses, 1 dog, and 1 person mannequin
  - Provide ‘inject’ coordination, as well as rescue technique evaluation

# Mutual Aid to Marion County and Levy County – 2 Cows in a Water Filled Sink Hole



# Bunnell/Flagler County Horse in a Septic Tank



# NFPA Standards

- All of our training that we provide is compliant with the brand new National Fire Protection Association standards for human and animal technical rescue
- I am the Task Group Co-Chair for the development of animal technical rescue standards for both individual and team certifications
- Our instructor teams are Rope Instructor certified for human rope rescue, Confined Space Rescue Technicians, and Swiftwater Rescue Technicians

# Mutual Aid to Alachua County Fire Rescue – Dog in a “Shaft” 50 Feet Down

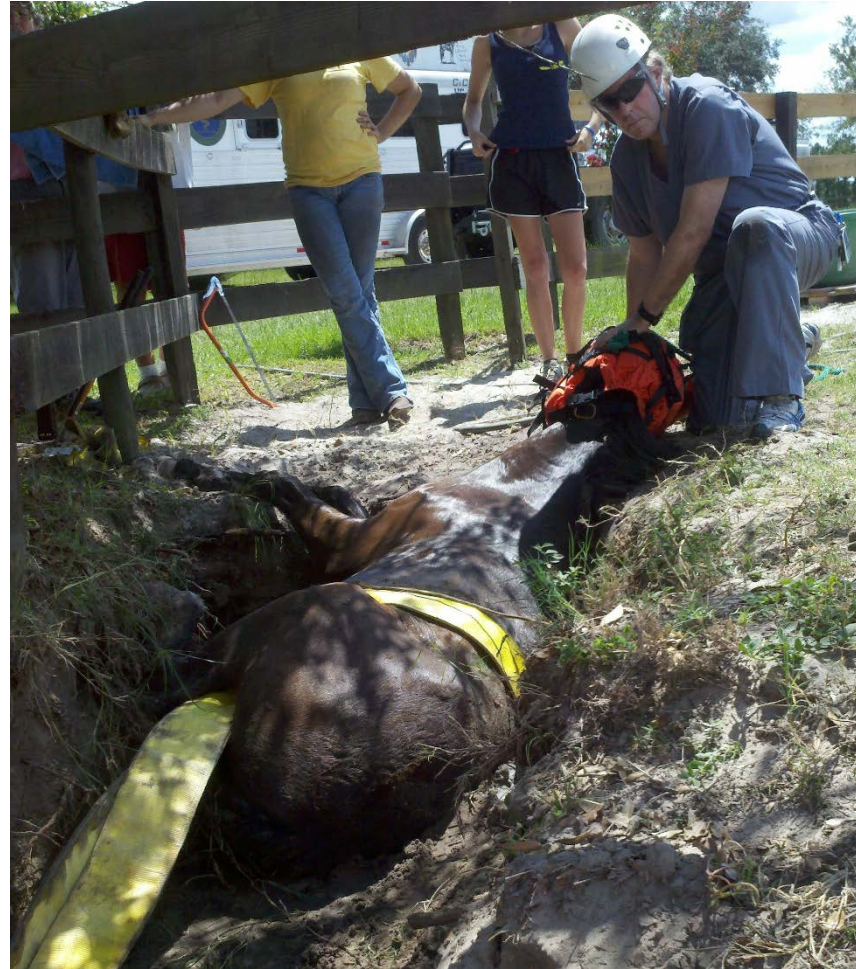


# What Do We Offer?

- Animal technical rescue courses of three levels
  - Operations Level – Approved by FL DEM and FEMA and in the state catalog – 2 Days
    - Provides small class training (up to 20) ensuring everyone gets lots of hands on and can participate in the final class exercise with no instructor assistance – can solve 85%+ of rescue situations a community will encounter
    - Learn rigging, harnessing, equipment, safety, behavior, trailer accidents, water, pools, etc.
    - Limited number of classes per year funded by state in support of building and maintaining regional capability and the 7 caches the state put in place (locations on [www.flsart.org](http://www.flsart.org))
    - Classes funded by local agencies/regions using their own funds
    - Groups can arrange for a class and contract with UF CVM (group is responsible for managing enrollment) \$7,200 for a class up to 20. Includes a text book.



# Mutual Aid to Alachua County Sheriff's Office



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  - Technician Level – Approved by FL DEM and will be submitted for FEMA this summer (approved for use with FEMA funds in FL) – 2 Days
    - Provides small class training (up to 20) ensuring everyone gets lots of hands on and can participate in the final class exercise with no instructor assistance – HIGHLY Technical Rescues
    - Learn advanced rigging, helicopter rescues, etc. An Operations Animal Technical Rescue course is a pre-requisite, and advanced rigging is recommended but not required. Often taught back to back with an Operations Level Class with the student going straight through.
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# Technician Level Training with Miami Dade Technical Rescue Team



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- Animal technical rescue courses of three levels
  - Awareness Level – BRAND NEW – ON LINE!
  - \$100 dollars for self pace, asynchronous training
  - Shows/discusses many of the rescue techniques of the Operations Level course without getting into the skills competency requirements – a great place to find out if you really are into this
  - Teaches you how to stay safe, who to contact to start an animal technical rescue, and how to help a rescue team
  - Not yet submitted for FEMA/FL DEM approval, so can't use Federal funds for it
- How to Find it?
  - <http://www.pd.dce.ufl.edu/> and search for “animal” or find from the vetmed site
  - [www.UFVETS.COM](http://www.UFVETS.COM) – select training, and click on course registration

# What Do We Offer?



## ANIMAL TECHNICAL RESCUE - AWARENESS

This course contains information about techniques used for Animal Technical Rescue, including understanding scene size-up, recognizing the need for technical rescue, identifying necessary resources and determining how to obtain them, demonstrating equipment identification, recognizing the hazards associated with animal technical rescue, and describing the methods for mitigating these hazards. The course addresses topics covered by NFPA Standards 1670-17 and 1006-17.

### Registration Options

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REGISTER NOW

### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

After successfully completing this course, participants will be able to:

- Recognize NFPA standards related to Animal Technical Rescue.
- Recognize the role of the Incident Command System (ICS) in Animal Technical Rescue.
- Identify knots appropriate for use in Animal Technical Rescue.
- Identify equipment used in Animal Technical Rescue.
- Identify and recognize appropriate use of anchors.

# Operations/Technician Level Technical Rescue Training with Miami Dade Tech Team



# What Do We Offer?

- Technical Rescue Rodeo... Skills 'Rodeo' where responders from around the state will come together, and be challenged with, and evaluated on, much more difficult scenarios than they experienced in regular training.
- We will be planning for our second "Rodeo" in spring 2018. Likely in the Gainesville area.
- Attendees faced multiple complex scenarios, including cutting the horse out of a trailer accident, dealing with a deep embankment, etc.
- One afternoon of skills refresher/snapshot of coming scenarios, a full day of evolutions, and a morning of review.



# Technical Rescue Rodeo – 2016



Thank you! And Hope to See You in a Class!  
Let me know if I can help you plan one....

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