

# **COW PALACE**

## **Arena & Event Center**

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### **Cow Palace Activated for Livestock and Horse Evacuations**

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As a result of the CZU Lightning Complex Fires, the Cow Palace Arena and Event Center was activated by San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services on August 20, 2020 to open their facility to accommodate livestock and horses that are being evacuated from the affected areas. Animals will be coming from the UC Santa Cruz area and San Mateo County. They started receiving animals this morning.

“This is what fairgrounds and event centers are all about. The network of California Fairs stand ready to assist in times of need like what our state is experiencing now,” said Cow Palace CEO Lori Marshall. “Currently there are over 16 fairgrounds throughout the state being utilized for evacuation relief and we at the Cow Palace are proud to be among those serving our communities.”

If you have animals that need to be evacuated, please call 650-450-0516 to make arrangements. This is a very fluid situation so for updates on the evacuations, please visit our newly created Facebook page, Cow Palace Livestock Evacuation Center. To donate needed supplies, please visit our website [www.cowpalace.com](http://www.cowpalace.com) for a list of needs.

#### **About the Cow Palace**

The Cow Palace Arena and Event Center was established in 1941 and since that time has welcomed over 50 million visitors. The Cow Palace is officially the 1-A District Agricultural Association, a state agency of the California Department of Food and Agriculture’s Division of Fairs and Expositions. Members of the Board of Directors include President Mara Kopp, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Barbara Wanvig, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Anthony Pantaleoni, Kenneth Flower, Tyrone Evans, Al Perez, Nancy Atkinson, Leah Pimentel and Chris Corgas. Lori Marshall leads the daily operations in her role as CEO. For more information about the Cow Palace, please visit our website at [www.cowpalace.com](http://www.cowpalace.com).

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