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## **L.A. ANIMAL SERVICES ISSUES WARNING: EQUESTRIANS & HIKERS USE EXTREME CAUTION**

Los Angeles Animal Services is issuing a warning to residents, equestrians and hikers to use extreme caution when using trails and creek beds that may have been affected by recent rains and flooding.

Since the rains have subsided, joggers and equestrians are again starting to enjoy the sun and typical California temperatures. Residents need to remember, however, that although the ground may appear dry and stable, areas affected by a series of heavy rainstorms and flooding can remain unstable for up to twelve weeks after the rain. Unstable areas present hidden dangers that can result in sinkholes, bogs and mudslides. It is important that those enjoying the outdoors use extreme caution and confine their activity to the main trails. Failure to heed this warning could result in injury, loss of life and closure of the trails and other areas.

For more information call L.A. Animal Services at 1-888-4LA-PET1/ 1-888-452-7381 (TTY Hearing Impaired: 877-875-8205) or visit L.A. Animal Services on the web at [www.LAAnimalServices.com](http://www.LAAnimalServices.com)

*L.A. Animal Services is one of the largest organizations in the nation that rescues, houses and cares for some 60,000 lost and abandoned animals annually, enforces animal-related laws and acts to prevent cruelty to animals.*

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