

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: LAUREN BILLYS RAISING SUPPLIES FOR PUERTO RICO'S HORSES**

In the wake of the devastation brought upon Puerto Rico by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, Lauren Billys has started a fundraiser to aid the hundreds of horses on the island who are in dire need of assistance.

“When Puerto Rico was hit with back-to-back hurricanes, the island’s power, water and necessities to live have become nonexistent. As the island works through this time, there are so many places in need,” Lauren said.

“I am Puerto Rican and have been competing under this flag for seven years. Most immediately, our friends in Puerto Rico have reached out to receive basic needs for horses that are also struggling through this time.”

Approximately 700 horses at two different facilities are in immediate need of basic supplies, though there are undoubtedly countless others who are also in need. To that end, Lauren has started a registry of basic items that can be purchased for Lauren to ship to Puerto Rico. Alternatively, opportunities are available to make a cash donation for the cost of shipment. Donors are instructed to purchase items off of the registry and have them shipped directly to Lauren.

To view the registry, please visit this link:

<https://www.myregistry.com/organization/Puerto-Rico-Equine-Relief-Aid-Carmel-Valley-Ca/1435914?publicUrlName=laurenbillyspuertoricoequineaid>