



### **Down and Out in Morgan Hill**

On June 18, 2012, County of Santa Clara Animal Care and Control Officers were dispatched to a rural property in Morgan Hill in response to a resident's report that their 28-year-old Arabian horse, Broudi, had fallen into a ditch and was not able to get up. The gelding had landed on his back with his head facing downhill and appeared to be in distress.

The owner met Animal Care and Control staff at the scene and contacted the local veterinarian to meet them there as well. The Animal Care and Control Officers immediately recognize the need for additional assistance, so they contacted CalFire staff to assist with the rescue. Both CalFire and Animal Control staff receive large animal rescue training in order to successfully deal with these types of rescue situations.

With their rescue training in mind, the team worked together to rotate Broudi to stabilize his head and, with the help of the horse owner, made efforts to calm the frightened animal as they wrapped pulley straps behind its front legs. With the straps in place, Animal Control Officers and CalFire were able to gently pull Broudi up. Once up, Broudi was soon able to walk. From the bounce in his step, it was clear he was excited to be upright and prancing about -- a relief for the rescuers and an amazing sight to behold!

If you would like to help animals in Santa Clara County, please visit [www.sccountypets.org](http://www.sccountypets.org) to learn about how you can assist and/or consider a donation to keep the animals in our community safe.



