North Valley Animal Disaster Group
Trailer Certification

In order to safely - and legally - tow a trailer, you must comply with the following CVC (California Vehicle Code):

CVC 29003: “Tow equipment must be adequate”

CVC 21715: “Tow vehicle must be over 4,000 lbs unladen if towing a trailer over 6,000 lbs”

**Trailer Specifications:**

- Trailer weight: 3500lb empty, fully loaded is around 7,500 - 9,000 lbs
- Ball size: 2 5/16”  
  Insert size: 2” with appropriate drop/lift
- Insert/Tow Vehicle combination must be set up to have the top of the trailer ball at 19”
- Electrical Connection: round 7 pin flat (RV Type Plug)

**Application:** It is the responsibility of the Volunteer to fill out the application before requesting an appointment from a Trailer Examiner:

**At the time of the Appointment:**

- Check all of the above paperwork, equipment.
- Go through the trailer inventory.
- Go through the check-in/check-out and inventory paperwork.
- Hook up ball, check insert, etc.
- Hooking up electrical. Check all lighting and brake functions.
- Driving forward and back-up with cone course in FTC
- 15-30 minute driving city streets, etc.

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Driver: _______________________________ Date: ___________________

Tow Vehicle Make, Model and Year: _______________________________________

The towing vehicle’s manufacturer towing rating: ____________________________

The vehicle’s manufacturer GCVWR (Gross Combined Vehicle Weight Rating): ______

The receiver on the tow vehicle must be assessed for tongue weight and tow weight. (not using “weight carrying” or “weight distributing” bars):
   Tongue Weight ___________________________
   Tow Capacity: ___________________________

The insert must be assessed.
   Insert Class: ____________________________
   Insert Rating in pounds: __________________

The ball must have the correct rating - not just the correct size.
   Ball Size: ______________________________
   Ball Rating: _____________________________

Proof of insurance for tow vehicle and trailer: Yes  No

Electrical Brakes: Yes  No

Wiring Harness: Round 7 pin flat (“RV” Plug): Yes  No

Proper Mirrors: Yes  No

Ball must be mounted 19” high: Yes  No

Driver’s Signature: ____________________________________________

Examiner’s Signature: ____________________________________________

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