



Wildfire safety tips for pets and wildlife

November 2018- With wildfires threatening areas across California, the Humane Society of the United States has developed a disaster preparedness checklist to help keep pets and wildlife safe. Please closely monitor and follow the evacuation orders from authorities. Stay up to date and in touch with local authorities via www.caloes.ca.gov and www.fire.ca.gov.

Remember, if you are not safe to stay in your home, it isn't safe for your animals. It is advisable to have a disaster kit ready in your home at all times.

Some of the items that should be included are food and water for each pet, medications and medical records, a pet first aid kit, leashes, harnesses and carriers. Make sure your pet is wearing a collar with tags for identification. [Visit here](#) for a comprehensive pet disaster preparedness kit checklist.

If you have a horse or large animal at a boarding facility or barn, have trailers lined up and ensure you have enough vehicles to move the animals. In extreme danger with limited time, let your horse or large animal into a larger enclosed area that is out of the line of fire. Cut off

their access to return to a barn or stall and make sure the animal is easily identifiable by using a non-toxic spray paint to spray paint your phone number on their body for reunification purposes. [Visit here](#) for more horse and large animal preparedness tips.

If you need rescue or have friends or animals in need of rescue, call 911 or your local emergency manager.

Wild animals: Do everything you can to allow fleeing animals to pass through and IF you are not in the line of fire, provide access to fresh water. Wild animals have strong fight or flight responses and are extremely resilient. The guidance of a professional wildlife rehabilitator will likely be required if the animal needs assistance or intervention.

For more tips on disaster preparedness, visit humanesociety.org/resources/make-disaster-plan-your-pets



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