

**IF YOU HAVE TO EVACUATE...
DO NOT LEAVE
YOUR PETS BEHIND!**



Evacuation Tips:

- Develop and practice your evacuation plan
- Have a minimum 7-day supply of food and water for each pet
- Create a “buddy system” with family members or neighbors who can evacuate and care for your pet if you are away.
- Create an emergency pet kit for each pet
- Have a form of identification on each pet. Consider microchipping and enrolling your pet in a recovery database.
- Take photos of you and pet together
- Make sure vaccinations are current and bring their medications
- Have a carrier/crate for each pet
- Have first-aid kit and reference guide handy
- Listen to emergency broadcast radios for information where disaster animal shelters are being established.
- Never leave your pet chained outside
- Locate in advance - kennels, animal boarding facilities, and pet-friendly lodging where you may be able to take your pet.
- Talk to your veterinarian about emergency planning

For more information on disaster preparedness for your pets, visit CCADT.ORG



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WHO WE ARE

The **Central California Animal Disaster Team (CCADT)** is a non-profit, volunteer organization that assists emergency response agencies and Red Cross Central Valley with displaced animals during emergencies and/or disasters.

The CCADT deploys to disasters in Fresno, Madera, Kings, Tulare, Merced and Mariposa counties.



Carstens Wildfire, 2013 - Mariposa, CA

Lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina and other recent disasters are that pet owners may do the following:

- Be unwilling to evacuate without their pets
- Re-enter an unsafe area to rescue their pets
- Risk their life to save their pets

The CCADT recognizes the importance of the human-animal bond. When disaster strikes - **saving pets will help save human lives.**

The CCADT is a public benefit charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Tax ID #45-1686477. Donations are tax-deductible. Please consult with your tax advisor as to your individual tax situation.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR HOUSEHOLD PETS

The National Fire Protection Association estimates that 500,000 pets in the USA are affected by fire every year; 40,000 pets die from home fires; and nearly 1,000 home fires are started by pets!



Extinguish open flames: Pets can be attracted to open flames from lit candles, a stove cooktop and in fireplaces. Do not leave pets unattended around open flames. Also, thoroughly extinguish any open flames before leaving your home.

Never leave home with food cooking on stovetop: A stove cooktop (gas or electric) is the number one piece of equipment involved in pets starting home fires. Never leave your pets unattended with food cooking on stovetop.



Pets are attracted to food left on the stove cooktop.

Use flameless candles: These candles operate with a light bulb instead of an open flame. They can help take the danger out of pets knocking over open flame candles. Cats are notorious for starting fires when their tails turn over lit candles.

Keep pets secured while you are away: Secure pets (especially young ones) in a crate or behind a pet gate in a safe room to keep them from potential fire hazards. Locate them near an entrance and on the ground floor. Keep collars and ID on pets at all times.

Check for loose wires or cables: If left unattended, pets can become bored. They may start playing or chewing on electrical wires. Cover and secure loose wires and cables in your home.



Secure electrical wires from pets

Remove glass bowls from wooden decks: Sunlight permeating through glass to the wood may ignite a fire. Use bowls made of ceramic or stainless steel.

Know where you pets hide if frightened: Locate their hiding places and also provide this information to family members or friends who may have to evacuate and care for your pet.

