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## **Preparedness Tips for Pets as Wildfires Hit Central Oregon From Humane Society of Central Oregon**

As the Rooster Rock fire rages in Sisters, Oregon on the twentieth anniversary of the Awbrey Hall fire, Central Oregonians are reminded to be prepared for an emergency evacuation. The Humane Society of Central Oregon offers tips for families with pets.

Plan in advance of what you will do in an emergency. Many evacuations shelters do not accept pets, so plan in advance where you will go. Ask family and friends outside the area if you can stay with them temporarily with your pet(s). Have a list of motels that accept pets. Make sure identification tags and microchip implants have your mobile phone number listed. Network with neighbors so they can remove your pet(s) quickly if you are not home.

Be prepared with an evacuation pet kit. Assemble in a tote bag or pet crate a three day supply of food, water, medications and cat litter. Make sure everyone knows where the kit is so they can find it quickly. Your pet evacuation kit should include:

- Photos: Quality photos of face and profile for identification in case you get separated. Know breed description and distinguishing characteristics. Photo of you and your pet to document ownership.
- First aid kit & guide book
- 3 day food and water supply (rotate and keep fresh)
- Medications
- Litter tray - small plastic or disposable (gift boxes left flat)
- food dishes
- cable tie out and extra leash
- harness
- blanket or sheet for bed and/or to assist with injured or fearful pet
- toys for distraction and comfort
- copy of vet records
- Veterinarian phone number - put in cell phone & leave in kit

Secure your pet inside during the first sign of a storm or disaster. They can get stressed, confused & disoriented.

**For horses and livestock**, assemble a similar evacuation kit. To identify your horse, take photos of any identifying marks, tattoos or brands. Photograph all angles of your horse, and include yourself in the photo to help confirm ownership. Have your horse microchipped and/or have a breakaway collar with ID tag handy. You can write your phone number on large animals with a livestock crayon or grease pen, paint or even shave a phone number into the hair. Make sure your trailer is in good working condition. If you do not have a trailer, arrange in advance with people from different areas to have your horse trailered in case of an emergency. Have a list of people with temporary pasture or stable space for your horse(s).

**For small animals, birds & reptiles** have a secure carrying case or cage and include appropriate supplies.

For more information about disaster preparedness, visit the Humane Society of Central Oregon at 61170 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street in Bend.

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