



# WILDLAND FIRE SAFETY for Your LIVESTOCK and PETS



**You've taken steps to keep your family and home fire safe.  
Don't forget your pets and livestock.  
With some advance planning you can increase their chances of surviving  
a wildland fire as well.**

## LIVESTOCK

- Clear defensible space around your barns, pastures and property just as you do your home. **PRC 4291 requires clearance around ALL structures on your property.**



- Plan ahead - if your livestock has to be evacuated know where you would take the animals. Contact your local fairgrounds, stockyards, equestrian centers, friends etc. about their policies and ability to take livestock temporarily in an emergency. Have several evacuation routes in mind. If you don't have your own truck and trailer make arrangements with local companies or neighbors before disaster strikes. Make sure your neighbors have your contact numbers (cell phone, work, home, etc.)
- Have vaccination and medical records, registration papers and photographs of your animals (proof of ownership), and your Disaster Preparedness Kit.

### **Disaster Preparedness Kit**

Hay, feed and water for three days  
 Non-nylon leads and halters  
 First aid items  
 Wire cutters and a sharp knife  
 Hoof Pick  
 Leg wraps  
 Shovel  
 Water buckets  
 Plastic trash barrel with a lid  
 Portable radio and extra batteries  
 Flashlights



- If you must leave your animals, leave them in a preselected, cleared area. Leave enough hay for 48 to 72 hours. Do not rely on automatic watering systems. Power may be lost.  
**DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO START EVACUATING!**

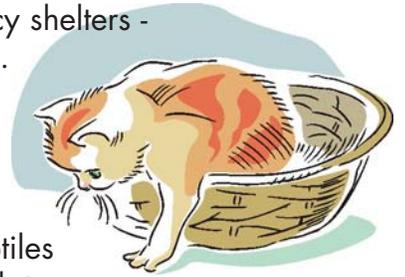
During a wildland fire, local animal rescue organizations work with law enforcement and fire departments to rescue as many animals as they can. In battling a wildfire, firefighters will do what they can but they are not responsible for evacuating your livestock. Firefighters may cut fences or open gates to free trapped animals.

## PETS



- Plan ahead. Know where you will take or leave your pets. In case you are not home when disaster strikes, arrange in advance for a neighbor to check on or transport your pets. Make sure your neighbors have your contact numbers (cell phone, work, home, etc.) In the event of evacuation pets may not be allowed inside human emergency shelters - have an alternate prearranged location to take your animals.

- Make sure your pets are always wearing properly fitted collars with personal identification, rabies and license tags.



- Each animal should have their own pet carrier. Birds, rodents and reptiles should be transported in cages. Cover cages with a light sheet or cloth to minimize their fear.
- Store vaccination/medical records, veterinary contact information, proof of ownership, a current photo, and a Disaster Preparedness Kit in one location.

### **Disaster Preparedness Kit**

Pet carrier for each pet  
Two week supply of food and water  
Non-spill food and water bowls  
Pet first-aid kit  
Medications and dosing instructions  
Cat litter box and litter  
Plastic bags for waste disposal  
Paper towels  
Disinfectants  
Leashes/collars/harnesses  
blankets  
Toys and treats  
Newspaper



- If you must leave your pets, bring them indoors **NEVER LEAVE PETS CHAINED OUTDOORS!**
- Use a room with no windows and adequate ventilation, such as a utility room, garage, bathroom, or other area that can be easily cleaned. **DO NOT TIE THEM UP!**
- Leave only dry foods and fresh water in non-spill containers. If possible open a faucet to let water drip into a large container or partially fill a bathtub with water.

