

Help Firefighters Rescue Your Pets



TIPS:

- ⇒ Have working smoke alarms on every level of the home. Test your smoke alarms at least once a month.
- ⇒ If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
- ⇒ Never go back inside for pets in a fire. Tell firefighters if your pet is trapped.

FACT: Pets and wild animals have a part in starting about 700 home fires per year. Roughly three-quarters of these fires were started by cooking equipment, fireplaces or chimneys, lighting or candles.



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PET FIRE SAFETY



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PET FIRE SAFETY

Pets give us comfort, friendship, and unconditional love. Our connection to them can be among the strongest relationships in our lives. But pets can cause fires. We need to be careful with pets in the home.



..... **BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY**



GET A RESCUE ALERT STICKER

ARRANGE A SAFE HAVEN

MAKE AN EMERGENCY KIT

KEEP IDENTIFICATION ON YOUR PET

Place sticker on a front-facing window. They will alert rescue workers of the presence of pets inside your home.

Arrange a place for pets to stay if you evacuate after a fire. Do not leave your pets at home. If it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for them!

Have your kit made and keep it in a safe location near your front door for easy access.

Keep up-to-date license and contact info on your pet at all times. Consider having pets microchipped.

SAFETY TIPS...

- ⇒ Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops.
- ⇒ Keep pets away from candles, lamps, and space heaters.
- ⇒ Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace and keep it in place.
- ⇒ Keep pets away from chimney's outside vents. Have a "pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet away from the fireplace. Glass doors and screens can stay dangerously hot for several after the fire goes out.

- ⇒ Consider battery operated, flameless candles. They can look and smell like real candles.
- ⇒ Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Have any problems checked by a professional.



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