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DACC Response to Franklin Fire

As of the most recent update, the Franklin Fire has spread to 2,600 acres with 0% containment.

DACC wants to assure the public we have mobilized and are responding to the incident for animal sheltering and evacuation assistance. We stand ready to respond to this evolving emergency, with the health and safety of our pets, staff, and the communities we serve as our top priority.

"DACC is committed to protecting animals during emergencies," said DACC Director Marcia Mayeda. "Animals are family members, and we are here to ensure they are safe until they can return to their homes."

The Agoura Animal Care Center located at 29525 Agoura Road, Agoura, is prepared to receive small animal evacuations.

Pierce College located at 6201 Winnetka Avenue, Woodland Hills, has been activated and is staffed to assist with the sheltering of large animals.

If you are located in an evacuation warning or mandatory evacuation area, DACC urges you to plan ahead and give yourself enough time to safely leave the area, including the time to load and evacuate your animals.

The Department also urges everyone to make sure your emergency plans include your pets. You can find a list of items to put in your pet's "go bag" at https://ready.lacounty.gov/pet-disaster-supply-kits/.

Please visit <u>lacounty.gov/emergency</u> for information on the Franklin Fire evacuations, shelters, and road closures. A wealth of emergency preparedness information is also available at <u>Ready.LACounty.gov</u>.

About Noah's Legacy Fund

The Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation's Noah's Legacy Fund supports the Department's emergency response efforts. These services are critical to the

communities we serve as we continue to respond to the wildfires, flooding, and earthquakes that can occur in the areas we serve.

Learn more at https://lacountyanimals.org/way-to-give/disaster-relief/

About the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC)

DACC is one of the largest animal care and control agencies in the nation, operating seven animal care centers and providing services to more than three million residents and their pets. DACC operates under the nationally recognized Socially Conscious Sheltering model to ensure the best possible outcomes for animals and the community. As a community resource center for pets and owners, DACC protects people and animals from harm, provides care for lost and unwanted animals, reunites lost pets with their families, and strives every day to move closer to its goal of finding a loving home for every adoptable pet that comes through its doors. To learn more about DACC, the resources DACC provides, and view its animals, visit https://animalcare.lacounty.gov or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter). To support DACC's efforts, please donate to the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation at https://lacountyanimals.org/. To learn more about Socially Conscious Sheltering, visit https://scsheltering.org/.

About the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation

The Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation supports the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control through fundraising which supports spay and neuter programs, pet adoptions, public education, disaster response, and animal welfare. Many of the Foundation's fundraising efforts have enabled the department to enhance the care given to animals in the County animal care centers. To learn more, visit lacountyanimals.org.